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# THE ODYSSEIAN

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*The form guide*

## Time to Ride

## Where to?

How do we Plan the Perfect Motorcycle Breakfast Run

*Our loved ones that we lost*



**CHARITY RIDE!**



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## BY DEVIN JANUARY 2026

## AT PBC FEB 2026

OUR COMMITTEE, FIN STATUS, BIRTHDAYS, RIDE INFO

## CLUB RIDES. BALLIES

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

## DUNES HOUT BAY

WORDS: NEIL MORRISON

## RIDE PLANNER

**COME ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS FOR FREE.**



Peter Hayes 6th

Joy Noy 14th

Errol Green 16th

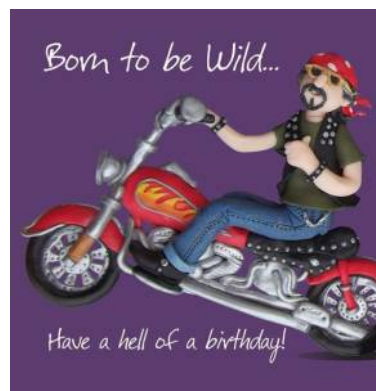
## Cyril Somerville 27th

Mare-Anne Erasmus 7th

Dave Roux 14th

Steve Collinson 23rd

Peter Cowman 31st



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## Were Back

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Greetings folks,

Well, things seem to be progressing nicely into 2026 and we already have a few club runs under the belt. Namely, the Sunset Run at the Krystal Beach Hotel in Strand/Gordons Bay, which is always a lovely venue and an ideal spot to watch the sun go down. The following run should have been our memorial run which Peter C had arranged at the Teewaterskloof Yacht/Sports Club near Villiersdorp, but due to a lack of support, we discussed it at the January meeting and members elected to postpone it to the following ride date. As a result, the Teewaterskloof ride became a normal club run. For those who didn't come, you missed out. What a lovely ride around some awesome passes and a great end venue. And with that, Peter's tenure as Head (Chief Ride Co-Ordinator) was concluded. Thanks again Peter for all your organizing of runs during your time on the committee. A job very well done... Our 3rd run which had now become our annual memorial run was handed over to our new Head Ride Co-Ordinator to arrange, so Phillip was really thrown in the deep end. None the less, he took the reigns and pulled off a great ride around the Atlantic Seaboard down to The Dunes in Hout Bay. And this time it was very well attended, with 28 members, 2 Telemachus and 4 visitors. Thanks Phil - We look forward to more of your rides and if you need any help, don't hesitate to ask.

The Poker Run is moving along nicely too and the date is set (7th June, which is both Anne Bareham and my birthdays, so bring gifts) and planning is well under way. The next step is begging and scrounging for sponsorship and prizes, so if any of you know a man... Your help will be much appreciated. We want to go big this year, seeing as it is our 5th annual Poker Run, so its's a special one. Basil has some sponsorship request letters if anyone needs.

Under membership, I have a few amusing stories... Michael and Mari received their membership, and he put his "patch" onto his cut-off almost immediately, but she didn't have a cut, so obviously couldn't. Michael bought her a cut at the Stiekyt Rally, so I joked with her that I expect it sewn on by Sunday evening when they got home. She must have taken me seriously, as very shortly after the rally, she was proudly displaying her Odysseus colours on her back. Another patch-related story is that of our new member Dave Betts. Well, when I say "new", he was accepted two months ago already, but I have still not awarded him his Odysseus "colours". This is no fault of mine though - at the 1st meeting he would have been at as an accepted member, he had a gig on with his band, so couldn't attend. No colours awarded... Then came the next meeting and he was out of the country in Thailand. So Dave, please save the date for our next social/general meeting and hopefully I will be able to present you with you Odysseus club colours.

That's it for me for this issue. I am looking forward to some awesome rides and events coming up. On that note, I'd like to ask that members please support our monthly runs, as the Ride Co-Ordinator/s put in a lot of work planning and putting together these runs.

Until next time, seeya.

Devin

## OBJECTIVE:

- To help bikers to stay active, alive and well.
- 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 organise social biking events.



# SOCIAL MEETING



**HELD ON**  
**18 FEB 2026**  
**AT PBC @ 19H30**

## **ATTENDEES:**

All Members.

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Peter & Jacqui Cowman, Graig & Rina Wilson, Rob & Anne Bareham, Rodney Camacho, Cyril Somerville, Hector & Linda Groves, Iain Fergusson, Terence Rule, Derek Wrangmore

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** None.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:** Rob Todd, Basil Forbes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Resignation of the Kettlety's. Resignation Pauline Gogh. Terence conveyed the well-being of Pauline Gogh and our well wishes goes out to her in her recovery.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As per last meeting minutes - 10 New Members in 2025.

**Birthdays:** Peter Hayes 6<sup>th</sup>      Mare-Anne Erasmus 7<sup>th</sup>      Joy Noy 14<sup>th</sup> Dave Roux 14<sup>th</sup>  
Errol Green 16<sup>th</sup>      Steve Collinson 23<sup>rd</sup>      Cyril Somerville 27<sup>th</sup>      Peter Cowman 31<sup>st</sup> .

**ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 18 FEB 2026: (Treasurer - Susan James)**

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Two new Suggestions - Heartlands Baby Sanctuary & Helderberg Hospice. After discussions the club members present voted anonymous to stick to FALLEN ANGELS for another year.

**REGALIA:** Basil presented new T-shirt and on our social media groups and was greatly welcomed and lots of members wants to buy. We are acquiring quotes from various sources and also to make sure that top quality shirts is purchased that will last for a while at least. . **SEE Page 16**

**Past Rides:** 15 Feb Memorial Ride - The Dunes Hout Bay. Petals purchased by Club. Phillip gave feedback. More info in Magazine

## **FUTURE RIDES:**

- 1 March - Suzanne Restaurant Laborie Wine Estate.
- 15 March - Tears Official Club Ride. Susan to Lead. Official Club Ride
- 29 March - Phillip TBC
- 12 April 2026 Phillip TBC
- 26 April 2026 - Phillip TBC
- 10 May 2026 - Phillip TBC

**PAST EVENTS:** None.

## **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- 1.CTCT - SUSAN gave feedback on ride date and marshals. Also, BF, MW, SC +1 to go for training on the 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday.
- 2.Poker Run 7 June 2026 - all in on track - Volunteers on Route required. Final names and details to follow. Poster 99% Completed and will be put onto social media with the next three week latest. The final poster and to be presented at next club meeting and also the marshals to be finalised at meeting (Confirmed)
- 3.Brass Monkey - Bareham's to present possibilities at next meeting

**General:** None.

**MEETING CLOSED AT:** 20:30

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** 26 March 2026

# What's On? Happening?

# COMMITTEE

## Club Meetings:

22 Jan AGM, 18 Feb, 26 March, 23 April, 28 June, 23 July,  
27 August, 24 September, 22 October & 26 November

## BIRTHDAYS: February -

HAASBROEK LEN 9 Feb COLE BEATRICE 11 Feb  
KUHNERT RALPH 13 Feb YOUNG ROBERT 13 Feb  
BENTLEY PENNY 17 Feb WRANKMORE DEREK 18 Feb

## Finances @ 19 Feb 2026

### MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT

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

## Report Attached.

## Planned Ride Dates -

15 Feb - Memorial Run - Dunes Houtbay  
1 March - Venue TBC  
15 March - TEARS Ride OFFICIAL CLUB RIDE  
29 March - Venue TBC  
12 April - Venue TBC  
26 April CHARITY RIDE OFFICIAL CLUB RIDE  
10 May - Venue TBC  
24 May - Venue TBC  
7 Jun - POKER RUN OFFICIAL CLUB RIDE  
21 June - Venue TBC  
5 July - Venue TBC  
19 July - Venue TBC  
8-10 August - BRASS MONKEY - Long Weekend  
23 August - Venue TBC  
6 Sept - Venue TBC  
20 Sept - Venue TBC  
11 Oct - Venue TBC  
24 Oct - Venue TBC  
8 Nov - Charity Ride  
22 Nov - Venue TBC  
29 Nov - TOY RUN



WE ALSO PLAN A FEW CLUB SOCIAL  
EVENTS LIKE BINGO AND QUIZ NIGHTS



Spokesperson  
Devin Corney  
083 310 2485



Treasurer  
Susan James  
082 353 7531



Secretary  
Events & Socials  
Basil Forbes  
084 513 2730



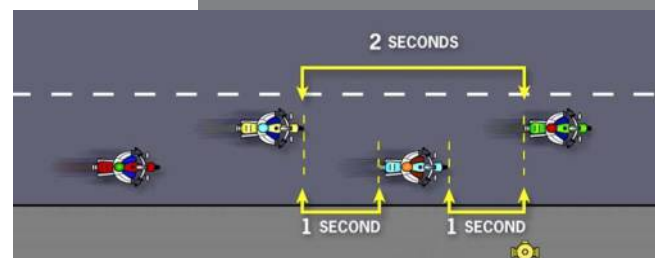
Chief Ride  
Coordinator  
Phillip Kaplan  
082 881 3856



Ride Co-  
ordinator  
Dave Roux  
083 658 2163

**JUST A REMINDER - BECAUSE EVERY MOTORCYCLE RIDER SHOULD KNOW THIS AND THIS IS HOW ODYSSEUS RIDE FORMATION IS STRUCTURED IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US ON A RIDE:**

Staggered motorcycle riding is a group formation where bikes line up in a zigzag pattern, with the second bike positioned behind and to the right of the first, the third behind and to the left, and so on, to maximize space and safety. This formation, resembling a checkerboard, allows each rider a safe distance to react to hazards, provides more visibility, and creates a larger buffer zone, making it easier for the group to manoeuvre in their lane.



## METAL JOL 2026

7-MARCH 2026  
ENTRY: R 80 INC BADGE  
LUCKY DRAWS  
2 PM TILL LATE



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL** **CHARITY** **FISH HOEK LIONS CLUB**

**Ride FOR TEARS**

SUNDAY MARCH 15 2026

**tears ANIMAL RESCUE**

DOG FOOD

**STEEL WINGS SOUTH AFRICA**

**TWO PASSES RALLY 2026**

13-15 March 2026  
Pre Rally party 12 March

**Venue**  
Anew Resort Wilderness

**Entry fee of R1050 pp includes:**  
Rally Gift pack for the first 200 entrants, Friday and Saturday Dinner and Entertainment. Awesome riding area and of course the unavoidable social family camaraderie between like minded Harley Davidson owners and riders, our Brothers and Sisters.

**Registrations and Enquiries**  
Karen Baker - 083 679 4361 | bakkarene@gmail.com  
(Enquiries)  
Roelof Baker - 082 575 2736  
Lisa Meyer - 076 041 3452

Save the date Rockfest at  
Bike Forge 7-8 March 2026!



7 - 8 MARCH

**BROTHERHOOD**  
SOLIDARITY OF BIKERS \* PASSION TO RIDE

**DAY-JOL 2026**

14 MARCH 2026 FROM 14:00 : WHEN  
KRAAIFONTEIN CRICKET CLUB : WHERE  
R70 (INCL. BADGE) : ENTRY  
R30 PER TICKET : RAFFLE  
MELISSA ON 076 600 3811 : INFO  
JOLINE ON 072 685 6823

**ENTERTAINMENT  
GAMES & PRIZES  
ALL AGES WELCOME**

PROUDLY HOSTED BY:

**EARTHBOUND** **THE SYNDICATE**  
CAPE TOWN HELDERBERG

MD HIGHDESIGNS 082 7 123 082

7 MARCH 2026  
**WOLSELEY**  
FUNDURO

**NO Quads**  
lucky draw prizes  
A little dirt never hurt

**EHRENHOF FARM,**  
BOONTJESRIVIER ROAD,  
OFF THE R46  
33°23'06.2"S  
19°12'46.7"E

Registration Ram to 9.30am  
Riders briefing 9.30am  
Riding 10am to 1pm

8200 RIDERS FOR PRESENTIES ENTER HERE  
tinyurl.com/WolseleyFunduro  
ON SCAR QR CODE  
RABBIT ENTER ON THE DAY  
Three days of fun and food  
and... For pre-entries only  
+1 20KM LOOP SUITABLE FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS  
WITH SOME OPTIONAL RED SECTIONS  
CAPABLE RIDERS ON BSCC AND BSCC  
WELCOME TO ENTER AND RIDE WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN

Whatsapp 084 358 3003 Steven  
Email: ctapiaswag@gmail.com

**ARC WARRIORS**  
CAPE TOWN  
1st DAY JOL 2026

T1 /04/2026  
R80 - ENTRY  
INC METAL  
BADGE  
CARD FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE  
2PM - LATE  
DJ GAMES STALLS  
HALAAL VENDOR  
VIBEN LOUNGE  
12 VIBEN AVENUE  
BRACKENFELL  
INDUSTRIAL

**VIBEN LOUNGE**

STRICTLY NO UNDER 18'S

SAVE THE DATE!  
**SUNDAY 20**  
17th OF May 26

**TRIUMPH**  
MOVEMBER  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RIDING DAPPER

## Megalforce West Coast sleepover 2026

**7-8 MAART 2026**

**BEESKRIP BIERTUIN KLEINE HOPEFIELD**

R150 p.p (includes camping)  
Gates open @ 12h00

Stalls • Games • Best Rep • Lucky Draw  
Mr & Miss • Dyno

For more information:  
Benji - 071 924 1643 (whatsapp)  
Lize-Mari - 083 501 2146

**No bad standing members**

## Fundraiser for Steinthal Childrens Home

# JOY Run

**19 April '26**

Meet @ Bikers Church Cape Town  
(15 KENWIL RD, BRACKENFELL)

Full breakfast cost:  
R120pp (Adult)  
R60pp (Kids 12 and under)

7h30 to leave 8h00

More info: Thea de Lange - 072 449 6133

### Key Needs for Donation

- Plastic cups, plates, forks, spoons and bowls
- Swimming costumes
- HTH for swimming pool
- Summer uniforms
- Pre-Loved clothing
- Generator
- Alarm system
- Electric fencing
- Shelving for clothing stores
- Repair of two roads
- Printing paper
- Hard cover books (192 pgs)
- Scientific calculators
- Exercise books (72 pgs)
- Nature study books (72 pgs)
- Colour paper
- Geometry sets
- Staplers
- Liver arch files
- Manilla folders
- Teaspoons
- Pots for housing food
- Tea pots (Stainless steel IL)
- Milk jugs (Plastic 6L)
- Kettle
- Irons (for housing units)
- Industrial pots
- Mugs
- Food nets
- Tablecloths (2.5x1.5m)
- Plastic (to cover tables in dining hall)
- Industrial dishwasher
- Curtains
- Curtain rails
- Inside an outside paint

## THE HIGHLANDERS MCC PRESENTS

### GUESS WHO'S BACK JOL

**27th MARCH 2026**

**Gate Entry 50 bucks**

7PM TILL LATE  
BIKER BAR SPECIALS  
SHOOTER SPECIALS ALL NIGHT  
FOOD STALLS

Location  
Weltevreden Recreation Centre  
Weltevreden Road  
Mitchells Plain

Contact - Robin: 072 834 3895  
Gail: 072 800 7787

## IRON HEARTS MCC BOERBOK RALLY 2026

**09 TH - 11 TH OCT**

WILLOWMORE SHOWGROUNDS  
GATES OPEN AT 10AM ON ... 09TH OCT

ENTRY R250PP INCL. SPIT

*Lots of Fun and Entertainment*

CASH BAR | FOOD | MUSIC | SPINS | DRAGS | WHEELIES | LUCKY DRAW | PRIZES | MR & MRS BOERBOK

PRE ENTRIES WHATSAPP SONET 082 726 7978 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BASJAN 083 396 1669

## GREMLIN Rally

**11 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**GANZEKRAAL RESORT**

Lucky Draws • Games • Biker Friendly Bar Prices • Concourse  
Dyno • Sopnat Entertainment • Cash Prizes  
Best Represented Club • Best Spirited Club • Mr & Mrs Gremlin

**R280 Pre-Entry | R350 Gate Entry | R100 Per Car**

*5 Years In Loving Memory of Lovellyn Davies*

Stalls & Vendors  
Philip - 071 590 9074  
Cholets  
Tania - 066 296 6626

Pre-Entries  
Maureen - 078 894 1124  
General Enquiries  
Michael - 084 067 7612  
Juan - 082 921 1558

**Below Dates & info to be updated asap.**

## WHAT ARE WE PLANNING FOR 2026?

Poker Run 5th Anniversary,  
Social Evenings 4 for the year,  
Brass Monkey in July - Venue TBC  
Also want to bring in a bring  
and braai weekends for social  
gathering  
Members also invited to  
nominate social ideas!

## BINGO NIGHT

ALL MONEY'S GOING TO OUR CHARITY FOR BIKER CHARITY

**R500 MAIN PRIZE | BRING A FRIEND**

TBC APRIL 2026 | FROM 07:00 TILL 10:00

ODYSSEUS CLUB HOUSE

## WESTERN COAST MOTORCYCLE CLUB PRESENTS 70 & 80'S TRIVIA NIGHT

**7PM TO 11PM**

4 PER TABLE (R25 PP)  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
70 & 80'S MUSIC AND A DOD ONE IN BETWEEN R400 FOR THE WINNING TABLE

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TABLE IS BOOKED.

**ODYSSEUS CLUB HOUSE**

## Rev Up Your Engines for our 5th Annual Poker Run June 2026

**Save The Date**

7 June, 2026, 08:00 AM  
Start @ Viper Lounge  
More info to follow

## BRASS MONKEY WEEKEND AWAY

Join us for an unforgettable adventure

**July 24-26 2026**

Venue TBC

FOOD, NAMES, AND LIVE MUSIC

THE VENUE IS FREE ACCESSIBLE  
Please contact us for the full list of accessibility information

## OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE TRIP

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of off-road motorcycle adventures and refreshment in the great outdoors with fellow riders!

**REGISTRATION TBC**

OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE TRIP  
Please contact us for the full list of accessibility information

## 2026 Christmas Party

**5 Dec TBC**

# LAST MONTHS RIDES

Memorial Run 2026 - 15 February 2026



Eight bikes left from M1 City and we proceeded on the N1 to Helen Suzman Boulevard and then through Beach Road, Sea Point and along Victoria Road through Camps Bay to Hout Bay.

While it was a gorgeous morning, the traffic was quite heavy all along the coastal road. With loads of commuters, cyclists and cars on the road, we could not do much faster than 60km/h. The upside of the coastal drive was the fresh sea breeze.

At Dunes, our numbers grew to 33 and we all walked to the water's edge where Devin read out the names of all our fallen friends and members.

Food was good, yet some tables had to wait for ever for their food, but they were compensated for the long wait.

All in all, it was a day worth remembering. 8 Bikes, 2 with pillion (10 members) 23 members met at Dunes.



We had a really good memorial run today for past members, family and friends. Sadly the list grows longer each year.

Thank you all who attended to show your respect.

# LAST MONTHS RIDES

Memorial Run 2026 - 15 February 2026



# *Our loved ones that we lost*

## **MEMORIAL RUN EULOGY**

It has been customary amongst all people to remember deceased members of their community. Members who lived their lives in such a way as to meet the obligations of their various communities are often venerated after their deaths.

In the Christian Church, those people who lived according to the faith they professed are venerated as Saints. Amongst the indigenous people of this land, deceased family members who met their obligations towards their community during their lifetime, join the company of remembered ancestors upon their demise, and are duly venerated at all family functions. These practices help us to deal with our loss, and also offer us an opportunity to reflect upon our own mortality.

It is only fitting then, that the Odysseus Motorcycle Club honours its deceased members, and especially those who lived out the ideals of the Club.

The first of these, and an example of those who knew him, is Roy Lamprecht. There are others who were not members of Odysseus, but who many of us knew well. So we honour them by doing the one thing that we have in common with all of them. We continue to go out and enjoy each other's company and riding our motorcycles.

**We commend them and ourselves to the mercy of the loving Creator,  
They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning –  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

ROY LAMPBRECHT  
RICHARD AUSTIN  
IAN MOFFAT  
PEET COETZEE  
HARRY JAMES  
JENNY ABRAHAMS  
MARTIN DAVIS  
HELEN WRANKMORE  
SUE PRETORIUS  
JEANETTE MC GEEAN  
WILLIE VAN ECK  
BRIAN EAGLE  
STUART HUNT  
MARK WALKER  
KEVIN STRUMPHER  
RICHARD HUTTON-BROWN  
BRAAM DU PLESSIS  
BRIAN BOTES  
WILLIAM YOUNG

GEORGE NEWMAN  
IAN RAESIDE  
NICKY GOCH  
LUCELLE MAKEPEACE  
OSHUA SEARLE  
ROBERT TUBBY  
VICTOR HAWTON  
JEREMY SALT  
LIZ WALKER  
MARK BOLLEART  
REG CORNEY  
RAOUL BEAUMONT  
PETER CROWLEY  
PETER FRANK  
JOHN BETHELL  
KLAUS FLIS  
GRAHAM JOHNSON  
STRETCH MC DONNEL

RAY PIKE  
BRAAM VAN DER BERGH  
MARSHA ERASMUS  
ROB THOMPSETT  
RONNIE PHILLIPS  
FRANS GOUWS  
NEVILLE DAVIES  
TONY ADDISON  
DICK USHER  
DONALD ANDERSON  
CHARMAINE WRIGHT  
RUSSEL HAWTON  
DENISE WALLIS  
PETER HEMMINGS  
MERLE GOCH  
BRIAN SCOTT  
TANYA STRYDOM  
VANESSA EAGLE



# The form guide



**#10 Luca Marini – Honda HRC Castrol**  
Luca's seventh place in Valencia, which lifted Honda out of 'Category D' concessions, was celebrated like a championship victory. It also represented a fine comeback from a horror injury in May, when testing for the Suzuka 8-Hour. By August he was regularly fighting for top sixes. Still, in certain big moments last year – Indonesia and Malaysia spring to mind – he didn't show the requisite aggression to seal a big result. He must address that this year.



**#11 Diogo Moreira – LCR Honda**

Toprak isn't the only rookie of note. The reigning Moto2 champ is as naturally gifted as the best of them, matching the Marquez brothers in flat track and motocross. He finally made good on that talent in 2025. Yet testing was tricky. Technical issues deprived him of running during the Shakedown test, while arm pump also slowed him. He's picked a fine time to join Honda, however. Overcome his physical issues and the Brazilian should launch an occasional surprise this year.



**#12 Maverick Vinales**

Red Bull KTM Tech3Maverick was riding better than ever last May and June as he single-handedly kept KTM's ship afloat. While others gave up hope, the mercurial Catalan's awesome corner speed and new positive attitude shone through. Cruel, then, that his season ultimately ended when he tore shoulder ligaments in June. He's back to full fitness now. Plus, he has a new trainer in the form of Jorge Lorenzo. He'll be aiming to become the first in history to win a race with a fourth manufacturer.



**#20 Fabio Quartararo**

Monster Energy YamahaIt can't be easy for Fabio right now. Last year's single podium (and two in Sprints) plus five pole positions showed he remains one of the very best. But preseason was disastrous. He left Sepang two days early after breaking a finger. Plus, he was less than enamoured with Yamaha's new V4. Even if he's off to Honda in 2027, the 26-year-old gives the impression he'd rather be anywhere than at Yamaha.



**#21 Franco Morbidelli**

VR46 Ducati2025 was Franco's best season since 2020. Yet last year's seventh-best rider wasn't entirely convincing. For every podium (Argentina, Qatar) there was a moment that bordered on farcical (crashing into Aleix Espargaro before the Valencia start and breaking his hand, anyone?). And shouldn't he be at least winning races on the grid's best bike? The Italian is riding for his future this year. He was sixth at the Sepang test and looks good. But you're never sure which Franco you'll get.



**#23 Enea Bastianini**

Red Bull KTM Tech3KTM's perilous financial situation, adapting to a radically different bike and losing his crew chief mid-season all contributed to a turbulent 2025 for Enea. There were still flashes of the rider who had finished fourth the previous year in Czechia, Hungary and Barcelona but too often he only came alive on Sundays. This winter has been much more settled. Enea was a solid 11th at the Sepang test. Qualifying must improve. On his day he's a real podium contender.



**#25 Raul Fernandez**

Trackhouse ApriliaNo question 2025 rescued Raul's reputation. For three and a half seasons, he was the series' big frustration as he stumbled from one underwhelming weekend to the next. Yet last June it started to click. Changes to Aprilia's RS-GP at the Aragon test made him more comfortable. He soon went from regular top 10 finisher to occasional front runner and race winner. Testing wasn't conclusive. He may need time to adjust to the refined '26 RS-GP but could spring a surprise.



# The form guide



**#33 Brad Binder**

**Red Bull KTM Factory** If 2024 was underwhelming (fifth overall), then 2025 was disastrous for the South African. Consistently outperformed by Acosta and Vinales on the same package, he failed to score a podium for the first time in his premier class career. There was still a run of solid top tens from midseason. Now working with new crew chief Phil Marron, formerly of Toprak's stable in WorldSBK, Binder must qualify better to retain his MotoGP seat.



**#36 Joan Mir**

**Honda HRC Castrol** Since joining in 2023, Mir's fortunes have mirrored Honda's. Two disastrous years brought little other than agony. Yet once Honda reorganised and refocused late in 2024, so did the 2020 champ. There were signs of that rider in the second half of last year as he scored two hugely impressive dry podiums. Testing showed that Honda has made further steps forward. And Mir has flourished. Thing is, Team Manager Alberto Puig now expects him to win – a tall order considering his opponents.



**#37 Pedro Acosta**

**Red Bull KTM Factory** This time a year ago Acosta was mad as hell and wanted everyone to know it – an approach that favoured no one. He's a calmer, more mature figure now. Testing showed as much, as he was consistently fast without crashing. In an indication of what he's capable of this year, no one rode better in the final six races of last season. And if KTM can carry its preseason's small improvements into the first race weekend, expect Pedro – still just 21 years old – to be a regular front runner.



**#42 Alex Rins**

**Monster Energy Yamaha** Once third in the world (way back in 2020), the Spaniard has rarely looked capable of replicating that form since breaking his right leg in 2023. Only in unique tracks and conditions – Indonesia and Phillip Island spring to mind – did he look like his old self in 2025. But that was on Yamaha's inline four. His past two championship finishes (18th, 19th) give little hope for a year to be spent developing the new V4.



**#43 Jack Miller**

**Pramac Yamaha** Miller was faced with the third big manufacturer switch of his career in 2025. He initially did well, outpacing Quartararo in Thailand and outscoring him in Texas. But he soon ran into the limitations of Yamaha's old inline four, finishing 17th overall. He's been the model professional this offseason, using past experience to develop the V4, even attempting a diplomatic spin on a tough Malaysian test. Jack knows he'll have to knuckle down in the early races and hope technical upgrades aren't long coming.



**#49 Fabio Di Giannantonio – VR46 Ducati** Digging has enjoyed some welcome calm and continuity through winter. He was always on the backfoot through 2025 as a preseason injury, new crew chief and tricky bike (GP25) all led to a disappointing sixth overall, even if he enjoyed three podium finishes. There've been no such dramas so far this year. And the Roman gelled instantly with Ducati's GP26, which is a very good omen for his future. He should be a regular podium contender.



**#54 Fermin Aldeguer**

**Gresini Ducati** Last year's Rookie of the Year is facing an almighty task this time around. Aldeguer cracked his left femur in a training accident in early January, forcing him out of preseason (and placing him in doubt for the early races). The 21-year-old had the luxury of riding without pressure in 2025 – but that's certainly not the case this year. In Moto2 in 2024 he couldn't handle it, slumping from preseason favorite to fifth overall. Adding to his win tally of one would show he now can.



**#63 Pecco Bagnaia**

**Lenovo Ducati** Bagnaia was tipped in these pages a year ago to be his teammate's chief rival. That quickly unravelled as a lack of front-end feel underpinned a deeply dispiriting campaign. But a long winter break was just what was needed. Picking the brains of mentor Valentino Rossi in December provided him with a new outlook: to not be so hard on himself. He looked reborn in testing, where Team Manager Davide Tardozzi said he was reminiscent of "2024



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**#72 Marco Bezzecchi**

Aprilia Racing One rider thrived the most in the Marquez-less MotoGP at the end of 2025: Bezzecchi. Leading Aprilia ably in Jorge Martin's enforced absence, he was rewarded with a contract bump for 2027 and beyond. Testing performances made it easy to see why. The ever-smiling Bez insisted on riding longer runs with extremely used tyres. His bosses are convinced he can build on his three wins (plus three Sprints) from last year and push Marc hardest this time around.



**#89 Jorge Martin**

Aprilia Racing For the second season running, Martin starts off at a massive disadvantage. His misfortunes showed few signs of abating during the winter. He underwent surgery to correct injuries from last year (left wrist, right shoulder), forcing him to miss the Sepang test. Yes, the Aprilia's improved, but Martin has yet to make it his bike. Amazingly, 22 rounds into his Aprilia career, he has still only completed for five weekends – and looks set to leave in 2027. It could take time before he clicks.



**#73 Alex Marquez**

Gresini Ducati Three wins (plus three Sprints) and 12 podiums (and 16 more in Sprints) were enough for second overall last year in his best season to date. Yet preseason has shown that was no one-off. Alex was faster and more consistent than anyone at Sepang. Now riding a full factory Ducati, he's gelled immediately with the GP26. There's no reason to think he can't replicate last year's success, even if it's hard to see him bettering his 2025 championship position.



**#93 Marc Marquez**

Lenovo Ducati It says something that Marquez has endured his seventh winter of recovery from substantial injury in the past nine years and is still considered the favourite hands down. The 33-year-old is riding in the knowledge that one more big crash could have grave consequences for his career. And his rivals have edged closer during testing after getting a taste for victory in his absence. But it will take an all-time great performance to topple the current king – at the peak of his powers – from his throne.



**#79 Ai Ogura**

Trackhouse Aprilia Which Ogura can we expect to see in 2026? The one who amazed onlookers in his MotoGP debut in Thailand, where he finished fourth? Or the rider who retreated into his shell after big prangs at Silverstone and Misano? In theory the 2024 Moto2 champion should be well placed to take advantage of Aprilia's gains. But the changes to the RS-GP haven't suited his riding style yet. Ai will have to be a great deal more consistent this season to keep his seat.

## MOTOGP WANTS TO INTRODUCE MINIMUM SALARY FOR RIDERS FROM 2027



The MotoGP world championship is in the final stages of implementing a protocol that will introduce a minimum salary of €500,000 a year for riders competing in the premier class, Motorsport understands. This measure has been widely discussed in recent years, amid disparity in rider earnings. While leading stars such as Marc Marquez and Fabio Quartararo have secured base salaries exceeding €10million, other contracts feature figures closer to those seen in lower classes, at times under €120,000. That gap is expected to narrow once the €500,000 minimum salary is formally approved.

MotoGP Sports Entertainment, formerly known as Dorna, and the teams have been debating the proposal for some time. The €500,000 will not include performance-related bonuses. Motorsport understands the proposal is in its final phase prior to ratification. The clause appears in the draft contract set to regulate the relationship between the championship's commercial rights holder and its participants. The Motorcycle Sports Manufacturers Association is set to discuss this provision in a meeting on Tuesday in Buriram – where the season gets under way this weekend – along with other clauses included in the five-year agreement that will define the commercial framework from 2027 to 2031.

# How do we Plan the Perfect Motorcycle Breakfast Run

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Few things beat an early-morning ride with good friends, open roads, and a hot breakfast waiting at the end. A motorcycle breakfast run is more than just a ride — it's about camaraderie, safety, and creating memories on two wheels. Whether we organising a run or improving your regular outings, here's a idea to how we plan a successful breakfast run..

## 1. Choose the Right Time and Place (This is normally set out in our calender)

Most breakfast runs start early, usually between 07:00 and 08:00, to avoid traffic and enjoy cooler riding conditions.

## 2. Plan a Safe and Scenic Route

A good route makes the ride memorable. So We Look for:  
Quiet back roads, Mountain passes, Coastal stretches, Countryside routes  
We Always try to avoid heavily congested areas where possible.



## 3. Pick the Right Breakfast Venue

Our destination should be: Rider-friendly, Able to handle group bookings  
Within reasonable riding distance, We always contact the venue in advance if let them know we are big group. This helps with parking, seating, and faster service. A good relationship with venues often leads to better service and future support.

## 4. We Always Prioritise Safety and Discipline

Group riding requires structure and respect. Before we departure, we hold a short riders' briefing:  
Explain the route, Confirm fuel / Smoke stops.

## 5. Check Your Motorcycle (this is your responsibility)

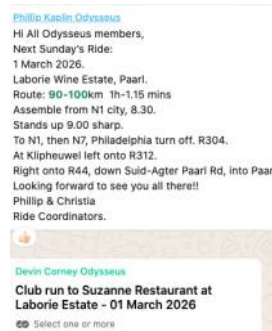
Before any run, you must do a quick inspection:  
Tyres (pressure and wear), Brakes, Lights and indicators  
Chain or belt, Fuel level  
A simple check can prevent breakdowns and delays.

## 6. Plan Fuel and Rest Stops

You must always start with a full tank where possible.  
For longer routes, we always make sure there is a fuel stop along the way or at the end venue proximity.  
Plan smoke stops if long rides, Schedule short regrouping points if we have a few faster riders....  
These stops keep the group together and prevent fatigue.

## 7. Communication Is Key

We created a Rides Group on WhatsApp for all the ride.  
Use it to share: this details will have the following always:  
Meeting point, Route map, Departure time, Weather updates  
if needed. This avoids confusion and keeps everyone informed.  
we also Post a poster online to show all the partes interested in riding along with us.



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## 8. Look After New and Less Experienced Riders

When we have Riders joining the ride for a run its always a for members and developing riders or possible club invites to join.....

We always encourage members to join our rides in meetings and through social media. No rider should feel pressured to go faster than they are able.  
A supportive environment builds confidence and strengthens the club.

## 9. Be Ready for Plan B

Weather, roadworks, or mechanical issues can change plans.

Always have: An alternative route, A backup venue if possible & Flexibility

A good Ride organiser adapts when needed.

## Conclusion: More Than Just a Ride

This planning takes a few days to arrange and its not alswy that easy to do so as you have to keep in mind who will ride who can ride with or what people want to see or experience. A well-organised breakfast run builds:

Brotherhood

Riding skills

Club reputation

Strong friendships

With proper planning, discipline, and teamwork, our breakfast runs has become a proud tradition that members look forward to every month.

Ride safe, ride smart, and enjoy the journey — the breakfast is just the bonus.





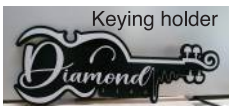
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