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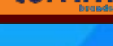


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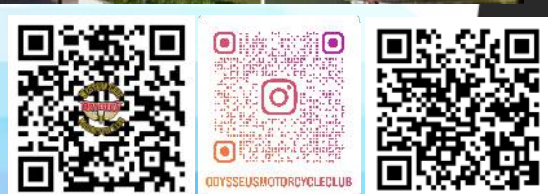
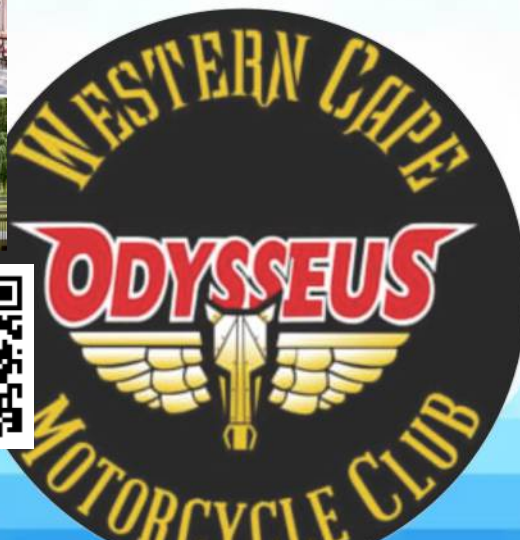
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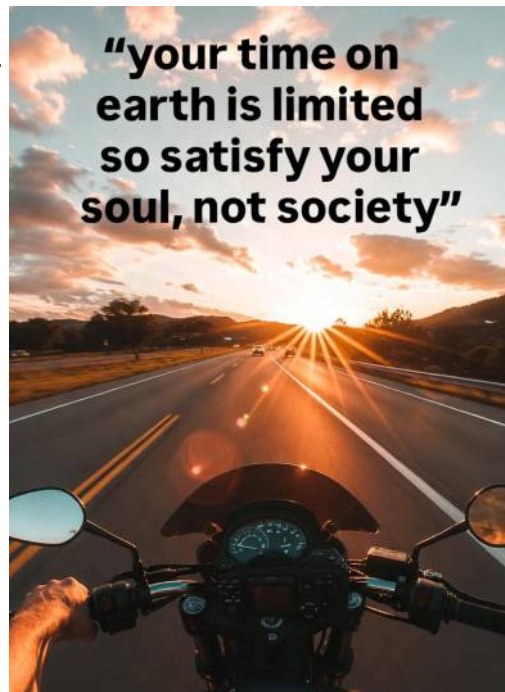
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Howdy all,

Easter!!! The Easter long weekend is already almost upon us (or behind us, depending on when this issue goes out). For anyone who is traveling over this period, please keep it safe out there, as we know the roads can be "challenging" at this time of the year.

Our club continues to attract a lot of interest from new people joining us on rides - both Basil and I are pushing this, and it seems to be paying off so watch this space...

The 2026 Brass Monkey has been finalized, and the dates, venue and program have been communicated with members. I cannot thank Anne and Rob Bareham enough for all the hard work they have put into planning this year's event and it promises to be a big hit!!! For those who haven't heard, we are going to the Houw Hoek Hotel near Grabouw. The dates are from the 31st of July until the 2nd of Aug. Anne booked 20 rooms and when last I checked, there was only one left, so almost fully booked. Looking forward to a great weekend with fellow members.

We have once again had a couple of wonderful club runs this month, starting with the Tears charity ride. I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the members who contributed goodies or funds towards this worthy charity. You made us proud and we even got a special mention as a club for our "large" donation in the Fishhoek Lions newsletter. I am sure Basil will publish it in the issue. Our second ride was my one this past Sunday to Fireman's Arms which was very well supported, so thanks to all who joined. I'll give more info in my ride report.

And with that I must sign off and get the reports to Bas, so he can get the Odyssean to you all (he has been hassling me for my report/s as he does each month).

See you all soon,

Devin

Chairman's report continued...

Well, well. Basil has been a busy boy (with the new job and all) and failed to get the March Odyssean out at the end of March, so he is combining the March and April issues. So, it should be a bumper one. Right Basil??

Another month has gone by and Winter seems to be settling in for sure now. We have had a few rather wet spells in recent weeks. Our last run on Sunday was one of these and this resulted in there only being four brave souls on motorcycles, namely Michael Willemse, Phillip Kaplan, Susan James and myself. I thought our club was made of "tougher stuff". Anyhow, many joined us at the venue in/on four wheels (Post Card Café) and we had a great time. And WOW - What a venue!! The place is stunning. Thanks Phil.

On membership, we FINALLY have Dave Betts onboard. He eventually dragged his backside to his final qualifying meeting and I was able to award him his colours and membership acceptance. Welcome Dave and I (we) hope you have a long and enjoyable stay with the club.

And with that, I'll be off (for the second time in this report).

PS- Our Poker Run is only a little over a month away now, so we are gearing up for that. Everything seems to be on track, so we are hoping for a good turnout - spread the word!!!

Cheers,

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
23 APRIL 2026
AT PBC @ 19H30

ATTENDEES: Susan, Devin, Basil, Phillip, Dave, Elenore, Christia, Michael, Mari, Paul, Steven, Iain, Peter H, Keith, Rob, Anne, Dave B, Errol, Peter C, Jacqui, Peter Hs & Kerry. 22 Attendees

WELCOME & APOLOGIES: Michele, Francois, Rob T, Lizl, Graham, Craig, Rina, Dave D.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None

PREVIOUS MINUTED ACCEPTED: Dave & Phillip

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP: Dave Betts is EVENTUALLY attended after Devin kept nagging him for three months to attend his last meeting, so that he can accept his colours!!! Also, Devin have sent an application to his son (Matt) but had no response yet.

BIRTHDAYS: Don Furguson - 29th April, Paul Schuter - 30th April, Phillip Kaplan - 9th, Michael 11th, Mari 21st, Annette Comacho - 29th,

ACCOUNT BALANCES:



ODYSSEIAN: LATE - I have been working a bit long hours and time was not on my side but is better now and will for fill my duties again on time...

LUCKY DRAW: Jacqui & Dave R (Dave donated his back again to charity fund.)

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Fallen Angels - until end 2027. Jacqui mentioned that they have published that they are in serious financial difficulty and that they desperately need assistance. HBC quickly had chat and we will make a ride out to them on 31 May as official Club Ride. HBC will meet on 7th May to discuss this. We ask that all members donate as much as they can and bring to next meeting.

REGALIA: T-Shirt - Quotes Final Quotes pending, await sample material should have by mid may. BF to follow up
Year Badges - Dave to show sample to BF - Sample Dave had was a 3D type Badge.
Name Badges: Final Names required. Susan got the names, to be ordered. SJ to follow up.
Poker Badges - Finalized and quoted. R 11.00 per badge - Sorted to order these.

PAST RIDES: **29 March:** Fireman's Arms - Devin - Great turnout, awesome ride (pity about the traffic, but to be expected on that route on a Sunday). We had a good breakfast which was wonderful value for money. The venue and service also lived up to expectations. It was great to have so many visitors on our ride and I hope all enjoyed the morning. In total, we had 29 people on the ride with 20 members and 9 visitors on 16 bikes and 7 cars.

12 April - Opstal Wine Estate & Restaurant - Slanghoek Valley Road - Phillip. Phillip gave feedback. Will be is mag.

SOCIAL MEETING



HELD ON
23 APRIL 2026
AT PBC @ 19H30

Future Rides: 26 April: Post Card Café Stellenbosch – Phillip
17 May: Simondium Lodge – Dave confirmed
31 May: Fallen Angels – Official Club Ride Phillip to lead ride. Brekkie Venue TBC.

PAST EVENTS: NONE

FUTURE EVENTS: 7 JUNE 2026 POKER RUN:

Prizes: Devin has managed to secure a lot of prizes so far – Three vouchers from De Werf, 3 vouchers from The Viper, 2 vouchers from Trac-Mac, two 1-liter bottles of Whiskey from Liquor City Milnerton. Dick De Kroon kindly donated two very nice biker jackets to Devin as prizes, plus we have a helmet that was kindly donated by Dave Roux which is brand new never used, still all the labels and stickers on. In addition to this, Susan's son, Grant has sponsored R 1 000.00 in cash from his business, Infinite Plumbing to go towards the cash prizes. We also have a commitment from Eilandzicht to sponsor a few "gift packs". Also, Freedom 301 gave us 2 Vouchers.
All posters & Print Media will be sponsored by Winpak & Turrin Brands.

Marshals Sorted: Michael, Cyril, Susan, Devin, Iain, Grant. Phillip to Lead the Ride, Dave Roux Tail end Charlie and Steven & Penny Bentley Sweep Vehicle.

Dealers: Viper: Devin, Shannon – Basil & Susan Card selling and allocations

De Werf: Rob & Lizl Todd – Steven & Penny Bentley

Joostenberg Bistro: Rob & Anne Bareham – Errol,

Freedom 301: Basil Forbes – Francois, Michele & Richard. (Possible Rob & Lizl Todd)

31 JULY 2026: BRASS MONKEY – Houw Hoek Hotel

Anne Bareham feedback – 18 Rooms Booked and confirmed. Rob & Anne to do Run out next month to follow up on all arrangements.

Reminder to be sent to all members for next payment that is due on the 1st of May.

GENERAL: Steve remarked for more support to Brass to get more that 20 rooms....

MEETING CLOSED: 20:22

NEXT MEETING: 28 May 2026

What's On? Happening?

Club Meetings: 28 May 2026, 28 June 2026, 23 July 2026
27 August 2026, 24 September 2026, 22 October 2026 & 26 November 2026

BIRTHDAYS: April & May

Annette Camacho 29th April, Paul Schuter 30th April, Phillip Kaplan - 9th, Michael 11th, Mari 21st.

Finances @ 23 April 2026 CLUB BANKING DETAILS:
BANK: ABSA, ACC Name: Odysseus Western Cape
MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL REPORT Savings Account Account: 9263536308 Branch Code: 632005

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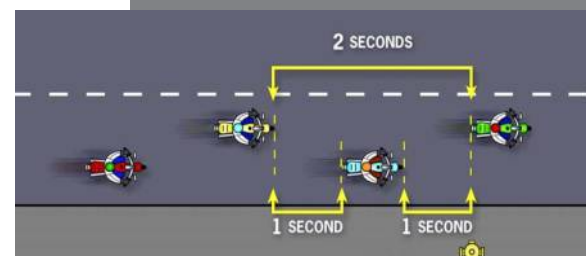
Planned Ride Dates -

17 May - Simondium Lodge Dave Roux, Details TBC
31 May - Special Ride to Fallen Angels - HBC Confirms
7 June Poker Run - Start at Viper
21 June TBC
5 July - TBC
19 July - TBC
31 July - 2 August - Brass Monkey
9 August - TBC
23 August - TBC
6 September - TBC
20 September - TBC
4 Oct - TBC
18 Oct - TBC
1 Nov - TBC
15 Nov - TBC
29 Nov - TBC



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.





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- FRIDAY & SATURDAY DRAWS:**
You MUST be present at the rally when the draw takes place. If your number is called and you're not there, a new number will be drawn and the prize will go to someone else.
- SUNDAY: GIFT RAIN (NO BIKE DRAWS)**
For 2026, our focus shifts to stilling the hunger of 1 000 people in Oudtshoorn, by delivering food parcels for underprivileged institutions before the festive season. We encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items and contribute to making a real difference in our community.

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THE BRASS MONKEY

31 JULY - 2 AUGUST



WESTERN CAPE ODYSSEUS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

LAST MONTHS RIDES

Tears Ride Charit Ride - Fishermans Brekkie

As most of us know, TEARS is an organization that cares for animals in Sunnydale. This is the 5th year in a row now where Odysseus members have supported this charity event.

Thank you to all the Odysseus members, family and friends who generously donated food and funds towards this very worthy charity! Odysseus MCC added R532 to the awesome amount of R2700 donated and a huge thank you to Mari

Susan

and Michael Willemse who went to Brackenfell Pets on the Saturday to collect R3232 worth of dog and cat food purchased. Brackenfell Pets also kindly donated a 40kg bag of puppy food worth R1800, so the total donation of food and goodies to Tears was in excess of five and a half thousand Rand! Well done Odysseus MCC!!!

Many thanks to Mari and daughter Suane who drove in the car to the Blue Route Centre on Sunday to deliver the goodies!



This was really a great help as, for me personally being on a superbike, I cannot carry much with me. The weather was great on Sunday morning and we set off just after 9am. The route was N1, M5, N2, M3 to Tokai. There were some other bikers supporting the event and I hope that TEARS received much needed supplies and donations.



**You made us proud
and we even got a special mention
as a club for our "large" donation in the
Fishhoek Lions newsletter.**

After offloading the food and purchasing the badges for R50, we left to go via Ou Kaapseweg to Fisherman's Garden in Kommetjie.

LAST MONTHS RIDES

Tears Ride Charit Ride - Fishermans Brekkie

A lot of club members and visitors were already waiting there for us. Nice to see Basil back on a run!! We all ordered off the menu as usual and I found the food good and, as always, the company was great. All in all it was another great day out with Odysseus, friends and family.

In attendance were 17 members, 1 Telemachus member and 5 visitors arriving on 10 bikes and in 5 cars. Thanks to all those who attended! Cheers for now!




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LAST MONTHS RIDES

Fireman's Arms Brekkie CAPE TOWN

Ride report for Fireman's Arms - 29 March 2026
Wow! What a lekker turnout. And NINE visitors on the run!!!

But let's go back to the beginning. This all started because I thought I would give Phil (our newly appointed Head Ride Coordinator) a bit of a break. Not that you have been doing a bad job Phil. You were thrown in the "deep end", but you have been doing a fantastic job so far. No complaints there...



Anyhooowz... I'm not sure how many of you remember my German (Bavarian) bud, Josef. On his last night in Cape Town, he wanted to go out somewhere for dinner, so I gave it some thought and eventually came up with the idea of showing him the Fireman's Arms, as the place is

one of the oldest pub/restaurants in Cape Town - established in 1864. Also, I had not been there in a very long time. So, Josel, Susan and I trundled off to the Fireman's Arms and we had a great experience with wonderful food, atmosphere and really good service. While sat there, it dawned on me that this might be a great venue for an Odysseus club run, so I asked our waiter if they would accommodate us as a motorcycle club - "Yes, of course - no problem." And so, the planning began. I already had a fair idea of the numbers that would be attending the run from the votes on the group, plus I had been in contact with several non-members who expressed interest in joining us, so upon arrival at N1, I was pleased to see quite a few bikes, but there were a few more visitors than expected so I had to call Fireman's and up my already revised booking for 25 to 30.



We headed off a little late (let's not go there), but headed down the



N1, N2 to M3 and then right at Newlands Ave past Kirstenbosch heading towards Constantia Nek. We stopped in the parking lot at La Prada Restaurant (Constantia Nek) for a regroup and smoke break. It was at this point that I realized Rob and Anne Bareham were MIA.

LAST MONTHS RIDES

Fireman's Arms Brekkie CAPE TOWN



I gave Rob a call and he told me that they had to stop for fuel, as he realized on the ride that he would not make it - come now Rob. This isn't your first Rodeo... LOL Anyhow, he said that we should continue and that they would meet us at the venue, so we did. From there we went on down towards Hout Bay, took the first right and then headed up Suikerbossie and over the hill to be welcomed by the spectacular view of the shimmering blue Atlantic Ocean on the left and beautiful mountainous landscape on the right. It's always a great ride around the Atlantic Seaboard. It was just a pity that the traffic was rather heavy, but not unexpected. Just before reaching Camps Bay, we turned right up



to the top and then left toward Kloofnek road. From there we went down into town and to our destination for the morning. Upon arrival, there was a security guard who showed us into the parking lot. There were already a few bikes of and cars of those who opted to go directly there.



Once seated, I (Anne Bareham and I) made a couple of quick announcements, and it was off to the bar. Breakfasts were served promptly and what a breakfast!!! Great value for money and I don't think we had any complaints. It was so nice to see such a large group of us all seated, chatting and

generally having a good time. Also, lekker to have Basil back in town again and being able to join us for the second run in a row (albeit by car). All-in-all, I think it was a great morning, and I hope everyone had a good time. In total, we had 29 people on the ride with 20 members and 9 visitors on 16 bikes and 7 cars. Awesome!!! Let's keep it up folks. See ya on the next one and thanks for joining. Devin

LAST MONTHS RIDES

Opstal - Slanghoek Valley

13 bikes gathered at N1 city and in perfect weather we set off towards Wellington and then headed through Bain's Kloof.



At the top we stopped for a smoke break and to admire the glorious view, before heading downwards for a brief stop at Kalabash.



LAST MONTHS RIDES

Opstal - Slanghoek Valley

The ride took us through the Slanghoek Valley and we stopped at Opstal for lunch where we met the rest of the crowd. All in all we were 27 people.

The lunch and everything going with that was simply superb and Opstal Restaurant deserved a raving review from us. It was also heartwarming to welcome 7 visitors on the ride. Hope to see them all soon again!



LAST MONTHS RIDES

Postcard Café - Jonkershoek



On a cold, wet, and rainy morning, five bikes - all loyal members - still answered the call of the road. No excuses, no backing out. As Devin always says, "Real men ride bikes"... and this ride proved exactly that. We set off from N1 City, tyres cutting through the wet as we made our way along the N1 toward Stellenbosch.

LAST MONTHS RIDES

Postcard Café - Jonkershoek



Postcard Café is named because of its 'picture perfect' views, but also because of the diverse heritage of the owners of Oude Nektar farm, and guests who visit from all corners of the globe. Situated in the peaceful Jonkershoek Valley, home of Stark-Condé Wines, it really is "as pretty as a postcard". Café tables on the covered veranda look out over the charming lake and floating wine tasting room, surrounded by the dramatically beautiful Stellenbosch mountains. A variety of savoury and sweet dishes are served - breakfast, lunch, cakes, and desserts. The menu is diverse and dishes draw inspiration from a number of different cuisines.



The rain stayed with us for most of the journey, but it didn't take away from the experience. There's something about riding in those conditions the sound of the rain on your helmet, the focus on the road, the brotherhood riding side by side—that makes it unforgettable.

Even through the mist and grey skies, the route delivered its usual beauty. The scenery hinted at what this ride would be like on a clear day, making it an easy choice for a future run—preferably under blue skies. Pulling in at Postcard Café felt like a reward earned. Warm coffee, great food, and top-class service brought everyone back to life. Laughter replaced the sound of rain, and the stories of the ride started flowing immediately.



That's what it's about—rain or shine. The ride, the people, the moments. Small group, big spirit. 5 bikes. 1 road. No limits.

MotoGP eliminates wildcard riders from 2027 season

The change was announced alongside a raft of other MotoGP tweaks following a meeting of the Grand Prix Commission

German Garcia CasanovaPublished: Apr 30, 2026

A raft of changes to the MotoGP regulations have been announced following a meeting of the Grand Prix Commission this week, including an end to wildcard riders in the series. After a series of meetings by the commission through March and April, updates to the MotoGP regulations were approved. Some of the changes will take effect immediately, while others will roll out in 2027 alongside the new technical regulations.

One of the changes drawing the most attention is that, starting next season, the wildcard figure will disappear from MotoGP.



“Wildcards in the MotoGP class will no longer be permitted from the 2027 season onwards,” the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme said in a statement. “This will apply to all manufacturers, regardless of their concession rank.”

The measure will come into force in 2027 and mean that championship legend Dani Pedrosa will be forced into retirement – although he stated a few days ago that he was never going to race again. However, hope had remained that he could be seen on a bike once again as a guest at KTM, with Pol Espargaro, his team-mate, being the replacement rider.

Now, the rider-turned-TV commentator will only be able to compete again in replacement for an injured rider.



Another announcement, which in this case is not a regulatory change, is that no manufacturer, regardless of its concessions rank, will be allowed to compete with any wildcard rider in the 2026 season using 2027 prototype bikes.

“2026 MotoGP wildcards not permitted with 2027 machinery – effective immediately,” FIM added in its statement. “Wildcard entries in the MotoGP class in 2026 are not permitted to run 2027-spec 850cc machinery, regardless of a manufacturer’s concession rank.”

Another decision taken by the Grand Prix Commission is to maintain the tyre pressure monitoring system for next season. The confirmation comes despite the fact that it had been announced, unofficially, that with the arrival of the new tyre supplier, Pirelli, this controversial system would come to an end.



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