



Ulysses East Rand

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Meet every Sunday for a breakfast run departing from Bimbo's, 5th Avenue, Northmead Benoni, at 8:15am

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Planned Rides: *(subject to change)*

<i>November</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Area</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Premier Hotel</i>	<i>Cullinan</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Wimpy</i>	<i>Meadowdale</i>
<i>December</i>			
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>TBA</i>	

Backfiring from the chair:

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank Andre and Belinda for not only hosting our AGM, but also for the stunning new banner that had also been donated by Andre, (Anjac Refrigeration). The attendance was good but those that could not make it were very definitely missed. Those that did make it were very definitely the biggest bunch of Hobo's I had ever seen! As the theme was Hobo's most really put some thought into it; Andrew and Erica were brilliant with Andrew being the Lady and Erica being the Tramp, I seriously could not recognise Andrew when I first arrived. Talk about not recognising someone, Les, I think here you took the cake!

Thank you to Mike O'Donoghue for the past year of being chairman, you did a great job and always made everyone feel welcome. There are so many other people that do a great job and perhaps don't always get the recognition they deserve, people that I need in order for me to be a good chairman. Mike Cresswell, our safety net and sweeper, I know I have needed your assistance when I had to stop for petrol while on a run to the Jockey Club for the first time. Trevor Isacks, our road captain, they don't make that intercooler for a KLR, I'm afraid you're it! And no newslysses is complete without the

famous captains log! Allen Burger, our vice chairman, already showing his colours as a person that can be counted on. Lastly, our fantastic members, this is the backbone of any good club and I am truly proud to be a member of Ulysses East Rand!

As you will see the Sunday ride venue for the 27th will be the Wimpy at Meadowdale, already booked. The idea here is so that those who want to take part in the Toy Run mass ride from Meadowdale to Benoni Northern can do so. The mass ride will start at 09h30. Those not wanting to take part in the mass ride can then still get to enjoy a hearty breakfast with the other members before heading off to the end venue. Let us support this event, it is for the children.

The 19th November is jol day; Ulysses Klerksdorp will be hosting a jol. I'm all for supporting this event and hope to see a lot of our members going, I will be at Bimbo's from 7h30 and leaving at 8h15. We will then meet a second group at Piatto, have breakfast and then head out to Klerksdorp for a day of fun.

The National Rally taking place in May 2012 will attract a lot of members, so please book your accommodation well in advance! My understanding is that a group will be leaving on the Wednesday and another group will be leaving on the Thursday. Please let me know via e-mail of those who will be attending and if you have already booked, also which day will you be leaving.

Captains Log. 13th November 2011:

Following on a great year-end party and AGM at Andre & Belinda's luxurious "Country Boma and Spa" on Saturday, we all met up again at Bimbo's at 07H30am on Sunday morning in painfull bright sunlight. The convivial atmosphere from the day before continued unabated with the "maak-vas" eventually being ordered from Llewellyn, our new UER chairman and intrepid Road Crusader.

The manne & poppies that arrived for the run out to Stone Cradle were:

Llewellyn (Chairman)	Kawa 650 KLR
Anita (Mrs Chairman)	Yamaha 550 XJ
Mike O'D & Partner (Outgoing Chairman)	Triumph 1050 Sprint ST
Allen (Vice Chairman)	BMW 800 ST
Harry	Honda Pan Euro 1300
James	Suz Busa 1340
Lionel & Hanneltjie	Kawa 1400 GTR
Henry	Ducati 690 Monster
Graham	BMW 1200 RT
Mike C	BMW 1200 GT
Trevor	Triumph 955i Daytona
Ivor	BMW 1200 GS
Clive & Shirley	Honda VFR 1200
Shane and Sally	BMW 1200 RT
Grant	BMW 1200 S
Murray	Honda VN700 Deauville
New Member	Suz 600
Andre & Belinda	Suz (did not see which bike/s)

As we were departing, Llewellyn asked yours truly to lead the wild bunch on the run this morning. "Just until the intercooled turbo charger for my KLR arrives!" he sed. So with no further ado and with moi in front we set sail up Pretoria road towards Petit and Bapsfontein. We stretched the legs on the mules after exiting civilization and at one point were doing 200. Whoa! Sed the passive volume controller in my helmet, take it easy!

At that point young Clive with Shirley welded to his back came past my little Triumph at around 230kph. I swear he almost hit my nose with his new Givi bread box. Impressive bike that. We soldiered on through the Baps village after turning left at the crossroad, again upping the cruise speed to 170 for most of the way to the Dam turnoff. The insects were plentiful this morning and my helmet visor visibility got worse as we progressed.

The Lodge had placed the UER group on their far veranda next to the main dining hall and a buffet breakfast was on offer in the kitchen-end corner. The a la carte menu was not offered since we were well over twenty ravenous people. Anita bravely started a negotiation to lower the R85 per person tariff being asked for each breakfast with the end result being that Stone Cradle Management lowered the pp price to R65. This also included bottomless coffee. The food quality and quantity was very good and as usual most of us ate too much.

Chucky and Belinda arrived as we were finishing breakfast and we enjoyed their company for a while. The trip home via the R21 was uneventful, allowing ride time to reflect on just how fortunate we are in UER to have such good camaraderie over many enjoyed rides and with good natured, like-minded folk. May it last forever!

Until next Sunday, I'll see-ya (disappearing) in da mirrors.

Twisty Two.
Funny Story:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING AT OTHERS YOUR OWN AGE AND THINKING, SURELY I CAN'T LOOK THAT OLD? WELL.....YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS ONE THEN....

MY NAME IS ALICE SMITH AND I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DENTAL DIPLOMA ON THE WALL, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME. I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK HAired BOY WITH THE SAME NAME, HAD BEEN IN MY SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO. COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN? UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT. THIS BALDING, GREY HAired MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS FAR TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL. 'YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT I DID. I'M A MORGANNER!' HE BEAMED WITH PRIDE. 'WHEN DID YOU LEAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE?' I ASKED HE ANSWERED, IN 1965. WHY DO YOU ASK? 'YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!' I EXCLAIMED. HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY. THEN THE UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT-ARSED, GREY HAired, DECREPIT, BASTARD ASKED.

'SO, WHAT SUBJECT DID YOU TEACH?'

