

# Ulysses East Rand

# Newslysses

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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)

Month	Date	Venue	Area
October	7th	Breakfast @ Classic Bike Club	Germiston
	14th	October Fest	Hartbeespoort

#### Backfiring from the chair:

Thanks to Allen and Harry we have a ride report for Sunday and a report back on the very wet Rhino Rally. The Chicken run was attended by a few members who did not make the Rally!

The Chicken Run hosted by the CMA was attended by:

Wells and Anita

Clive and Shirley

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Nick

Nigel

Graham and Bradley

We met @ Bimbo's and left by 07h15 taking the back roads through to the Mayville Mall. There was a slight chill in the air and I regretted not taking the winter gloves along. We arrived at the Mayville Mall with enough time to spare and met up with a rather large CMA crowd.

After registration we were briefed on the route and venue, given a map and sent on our way. The plan was to follow Nigel, as his Wing had a navigational device and would get us there without getting lost. At the first split in the road, we lost Nigel.

Luckily for us there were so many participants all one had to do was follow any bike in front of you, and you were sure to get to the venue. The Venue was Femsus on the Brits road and proved to be rather comfortable, with lots of shade and a large bar! The food which was included in the entry fee was ok, not the best, but not bad!

Nick who has decided to join Ulysses, (welcome) and Clive, (old bugger extraordinaire) both won prizes in the lucky draw. There were many prizes and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

 $14^{th}$  October, will see some of us heading out in this direction again, when we attend the October Fest @ Harties.

I thought it would be a good idea to support the Classic Bike Club for a change by having breakfast there and hope that it will be well supported.

Till next Sunday,

Wells.

Salutations to all.

Sunday morning dawned bright with a bit of winter left in the air. Feeling sprightly for the first time in three weeks I prepared to leave for Bimbo's nice and early to see the chicken runners off to a safe start. Susan suggested I use the Quad, but suffering withdrawal symptoms from lack of riding I insisted on using my trusty steed. What a great call, I no sooner hit the highway when my soul started to sing and the Universe hummed in unison. With the thrum of the ST in my ears and a red haze in my helmet I was soon at Snake Road.

On arrival most of the Chicken Run crew were gathered on Bimbo's stoep.

After a cup of coffee and the normal joking, Wells and the crew left leaving

Les and myself to wait for the second round.

The riders who arrived were:

Mike C - BMW 1200 GS

Pieter - Yahamaha FJR

Ivor - BMW 1200 GS

Lionel - Kawasaki

Rudi - Hyabusa

Les - Trimph 1200

Allen - BMW 8005T

Sean - BMW800

The decision was taken that most of the intrepid members would head for The Apple Tree in Cullinan under the leadership of "who knows" with Rudi in the Group, one can't be sure. Les and I headed via the N17 to Mikes Kitchen in Lambton, where we were once again well received and sat down to a good breakfast and lovely chat before heading home to take up our normal Sunday responsibilities. An awesome ride with time spent with lovely people and thank heavens my disposition a great deal improved, after having had my Sunday morning fix.

Love you guys 'till I see you again. Allen aka Slo-Mo Friday - Two of us met at Bimbo's at 8am Johan (GS 11500 BMW) and myself (Harry - ST1300 Honda Pan European)

We had a pitta breakfast and coffee at Bimbo's and left at 09h00 in the rain. Gansen - ST1300 Honda Pan European met

us at the N17 bridge (no more rain) We rode to the N3 bridge to Harrismith arriving just after lunch at the rally site.

Stayed plus/minus 3 hours when a storm was brewing, we decided to head for our rooms at Swinburne - The hound and Hare.

We had just entered van Reenens when the storm hit us. Hail, wind and rain. Visibility was very bad. It cleared just before

Swinburne. We did not go back to rally site. We were told the tent was blown down, thick mud (bikes slipping and sliding)

We found big Rob - BMW1200RT at the rooms.

Saturday - was a clear sky and sun. Unanimous vote - no rally site - we left for Clarens via Golden Gate

We had lunch in Clarens and returned to our rooms at about 15h00

Sunday - again clear sky's - left 08h30 and arrived home plus/minus 11h00 with dirty bikes.

All four of us enjoyed the weekend although we only spent a few hours at the rally site on Friday afternoon.

Harry

# FOR SALE

2003 BMW GS 1150 Basic(no heated grips or ABS)

Has side panniers and top box

New battery fitted last month

Full service history

94000km on clock

R47 000.00 (onco)

Contact Mike Cresswell on 082 883 6431

## Helmets!!

I never cease to marvel at the Free Enterprise System, When a product reaches the point

Where it's nigh on to impossible to improve its functionality, someone will still come up with

A way to make people want to ditch their perfectly functional old one and buy your new concept.

Check out these motorcycle helmets. The Cops are gonna love these......





### Chicken Run 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012













Clive displaying his prize!

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