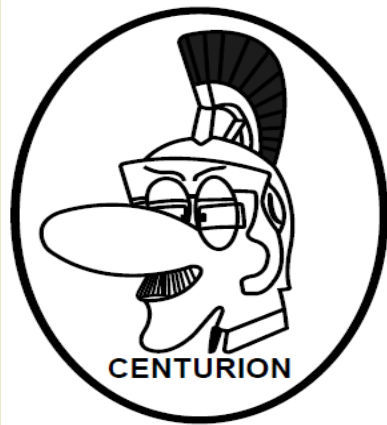


The Ugly Truth

ULYSSES MOTORCYCLE CLUB: CENTURION CHAPTER



QUARTER 3: 2020

*No newsletter was
issued for Quarter 2:
2020 due to the
coronavirus lockdown*

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STILL ALIVE!!!

Dear Ulysses Family

We're back! What an absolute joy to be able to ride again!!

Here we are in Quarter 3 of the *Annus Horribilis* that is 2020. As we surmised in our last newsletter, when the lockdown just started and no-one knew what to expect, the past few months have been an emotional rollercoaster and a difficult time for many. To be sure, the effects of the lockdown have taken their toll, not just in

Welcome our 6th Edition of the Ugly Truth! We have all been through a truly bizarre time these past few months and most people are relieved that the worst of the coronavirus lockdown has eased. There was a certain eagerness to get back on the road and ride together again evident amongst the club members and we share these stories in this newsletter. Sadly, a few members left the Chapter during the past few months. Even so, our Chapter maintains its good spirits and familial atmosphere and has emerged from the lockdown with a greater enjoyment and appreciation of the ride than ever before. Read more about our exploits here. Enjoy!

South Africa, but in many other countries as well. As each of us has handled the impact of the coronavirus and the national lockdown in their own way, we are all doing what we have to do to get through this extraordinary time in our lives.

On the club front, it is clear that everyone was very

eager to get back out there and just ride. Considering that the lockdown prevented most of us from using our bikes to do what we love, there was a universal urge to get out there again once we could. Our love of riding is evident from the pictures that follow, showcasing our very busy past few months.

As things have happened, we have a lot of catching up to do and, where appropriate, we include events from the quarter that we did not publish a newsletter.

CHAPTER EVENTS: APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2020

An overview of Chapter events for Quarters 2 and 3 of 2020

South Africa instituted a regulated lockdown, starting at the strictest level, late in March 2020. With an abundance of more qualified sources, there is no need to recap the impacts and details here. Suffice to say that a lot of bread was baked (if you could find yeast) and not a lot of bikes were ridden in the first few weeks. As the lockdown restrictions eased and travel within the provincial borders became possible, the few brave souls ventured out on their bikes just to: "Make sure she stays properly lubricated, Officer." These were not Chapter events and, much as we all shared these sentiments, there were no organised club activities for Quarter 2 of 2020.

As the lockdown dragged on and regulations changed rather whimsically, smokers and drinkers alike suffered to varying degrees for months. Those agonising hours waiting to hear what the President might say when he eventually shows up on TV now seem to be remembered as vaguely as a bad movie that you watched years ago. We made it through all that. To keep the spirits up, we had long conversations with daily polls and questions about bikes, our life with bikes, our favourite roads, favourite tools, our best memories, advice and just general banter on the Chapter Facebook group. Many a truth was spoken there.:-)

As Quarter 3 rolled around, however, and restrictions were lifted even further, we got out there in progressively larger groups, and the regularity of the rides also increased. Our usual overview of what we did, where we went, and the stuff that never happened, follows for your reading pleasure.

June 2020



Longrun en Kuier op die Plot – 28 June



July 2020

Long Run to Die Plaas se Gat - 17 July



August 2020

Longrun to Bulldogs Pub, Deneysville – 2 August





Long Run to Derby and club meeting at 'Die Plot' - 16 August

By this time, we could officially join as a group and ride together again, and we took a long ride to Derby, looping back around to André and Francaise's place for a meeting and catch-up.







Bikers Against Farm Murders and Racism – 29 August 2020

In the current climate, there is a risk of sounding 'political' all too soon when you discuss farm murders, and this newsletter hardly the place for that. The scourge of violent attacks against people living in rural areas has risen again, however, and our club joined a massive organised protest ride to the Union Buildings in Pretoria on 29 August 2020. This was a truly enormous gathering, with estimates placing the number of bikes in attendance at over 40,000. Those who were there, will tell you that it was a massive event and, even if you were not there, the action got some airtime on national news networks and social media.





September 2020

Club meeting: 17 September 2020

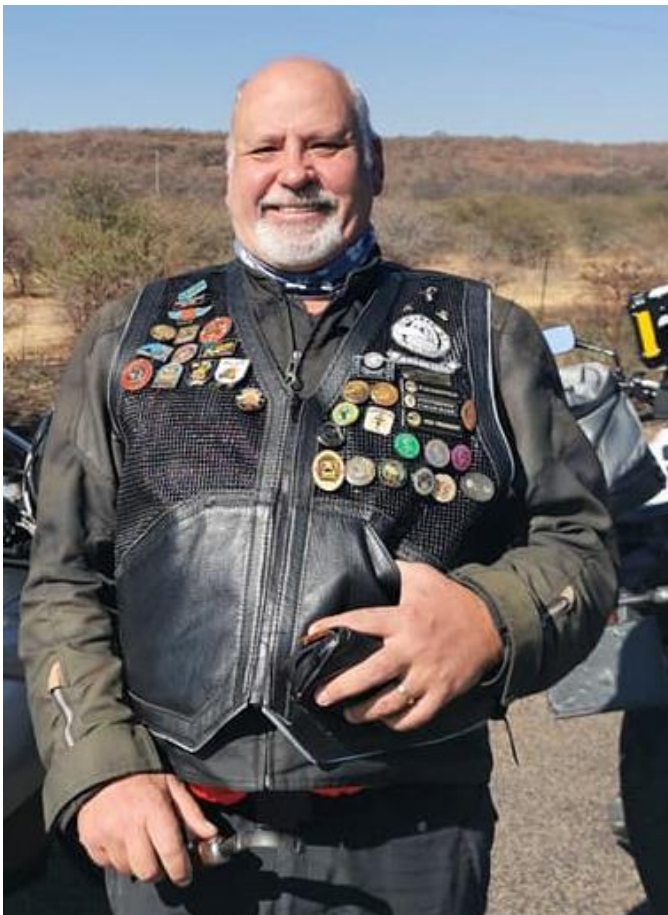
As lockdown restrictions eased even more, we had our first club meeting in months in September!



OUR YOUNGEST MEMBER CELEBRATED HIS NEW RIDE IN THE USUAL STYLE AND SOME NEW MEMBERS GOT THEIR COLOURS



Long Run to 'Toeka se Dae' - 13 September





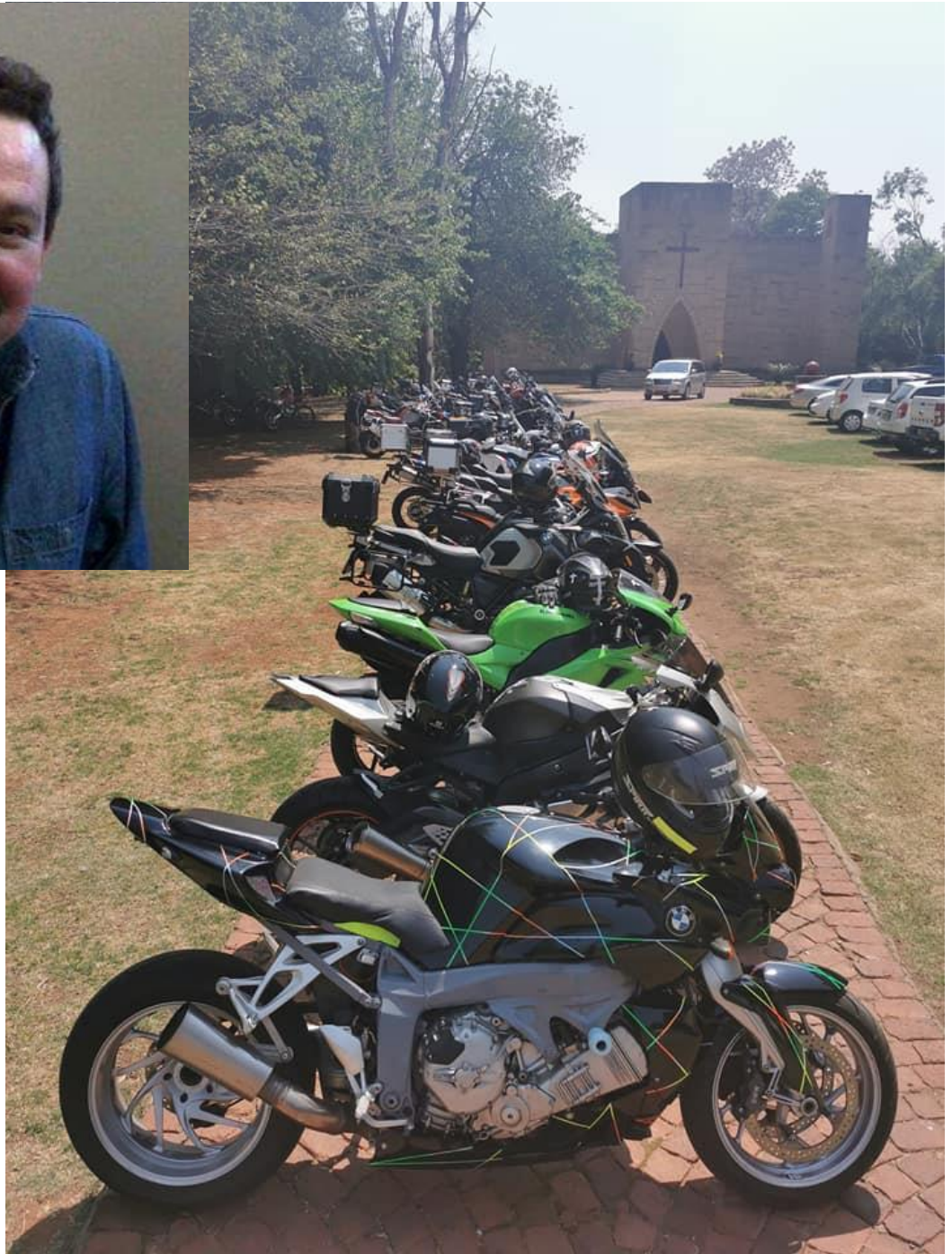
STEWART'S BLOG

Our resident blogger, Stewart Crous, has not been sitting still since the lockdown ended, and he has posted a host of new articles about cool places him and Heather have been to. Go check it out at: <https://onmybmw1200gs.wordpress.com/>

IN MEMORIAM: WESSEL JANSEN



A former club member, Wessel Jansen sadly passed away in September 2020. The Club attended the funeral, observing the restrictions on attendance, but paying our respects to Wessel and his memory. Our deepest condolences to Wessel's family.



† During September, we also learnt that the VP Lappies Labuschagne of Bosveld Chapter sadly lost his life in a motorcycle accident. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends in Bosveld Chapter.

PLANNED CHAPTER EVENTS: QUARTER 4 OF 2020

Centurion Chapter is planning the following events for Quarter 4: October – December 2020

The club's planned calendar for the quarter starting in October 2020 and leading to the end of the year is as follows:

October 2020	Long Run – 11 October (Cancelled due to bad weather) Chrissiesmeer Sleepover – 17 October 2020
November 2020	ToyRun – The much anticipated annual Toyrun is still scheduled to go ahead as a drive-through and drop-off event
December 2020	Year-end run & kuier

As South Africa emerges from the worst phases of the COVID lockdown, and as the world copes with our new realities, certain restrictions on the gathering of groups of people remain in place. Those who have tried to book a big function towards the end of the year, will know how scarce good venues are and how expensive they have become. For all these reasons, our usual year-end function this year is replaced by a long ride followed by an informal kuier. We plan to start the new year off with a big bash instead of a year-end function in 2020. Please follow our Facebook page for more details as the arrangements are finalized:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ulyssescenturion/>

MEMBERS NEWS

Life events of our members

The following members of Ulysses Centurion celebrated annual milestones in the second and third quarters of 2020. Congratulations to all!

	April	May	June	July	August	September
Birthdays	Annalie Jacobs Zané Loftie-Eaton Alex Lees Petto Gunter Claudine Carstens	Rhyna du Randt Robbie Goldie Annatjie Joubert Johan Heckler Blackie Swart TC Steyn André Uys Carel van Aswegen André Engelbrecht Monica du Plessis	Japie Naude Heather Crous Frikkie Naude Paul Bergh	Pierre Jacobs Kobus J van Vuuren Werner Kruger Morné Theron Stuart Crous	Wynand de Wet Wimpie Jansen Chantel Scott Jo-anne Prinsloo Attie van Deventer Intronette Slabbert Willie Breedt Elsabé Fourie	Fanie Slabbert Leon de Jager Diana Odendaal Monia Shears Paul du Randt Louise Williams Roger Driemeyer Annelise de Jager

	April	May	June	July	August	September
Anniversaries	Paul & Petru Bergh Leon & Annelise de Jager Werner & Susan Kruger Paul & Rhyna du Randt	Petto & Nadine Gunter Gary & Colleen Nelson - Chantel & Rodney Scott Blackie & Rinca Swart Carel & Sandra van Aswegen Johan & Annelie Botha	Deon & Marguerite Joubert Willie & Judie Schickerling			Stuart & Heather Crous Francois & Annatjie Joubert Derick & Claudine Carstens

A sad reality about the economic impact of the lockdown is that our Chapter has lost some members during the past few months. Several new member applications have been received, however, and numbers are returning to what appears to be our critical mass of around 100 members. The Chapter currently has 91 members and 3 prospective members.

It is going to be OK. Painful, maybe, but OK, eventually..

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