



## *Ulysses East Rand*

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24 April – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

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Month	Date	Venue	Area
May	15th	Denysville	Heidelberg and beyond
May	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Que Sera	TBA
May	29th	Ulysses National Rally weekend	
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Bikes	Germiston

### May Birthdays

Gansen      12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Other events of interest: (from various sources)**

May	21-22	Old Man Winter Rally	Que Sera
May	27-29	SA Bike Festival	Kyalami
May	27-29	Ulysses National Rally 27 - 29 May 2016 at the	Aldam Holiday Resort.



**Tickets are on sale already.**

**Ulysses Website**

<http://www.ulyssessa.co.za/east-rand/index.php>

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## End of Summer Braai



The end of summer braai was well attended even though some of our old stalwarts could not make it. Little did we realise that this would be the last time we use this venue as-is. On the day it was still quite warm and we cooked outside the main lapa. Lots of drink and merriment ended up with some fun and games on the route home with a guy giving me a hard time on the highway after I accidentally drifted into the fast lane. So lots of passionate noise from Joe and myself as we ironed out our differences on the road ☺.

## Ride Report – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Notwithstanding that fact some of us drank a lot, we still managed to make the ride the following day which was planned to visit Pitstop in the north. We were initially joined by Paul on his Triumph Explorer and 3 chaps with Triumph Bikes. I think I counted about 14 people in total. Did not think to get a picture though.

We started off as usual doing the round the Rynfield damn tour before heading out Cullinan way. I had got it into my head that if we headed out we could cut across the back route to the north. This thinking was fatally flawed and highlighted how much I am missing Robin on the rides.

When we got to the Bapsfontein intersection Paul enquired where we were headed and after that he separated his guys from the main bunch and they turned off at Que Sera. With Mike C, Gansen and Trevor heading off earlier on a shorter ride from Bimbo's this cut the group down quite a bit. Not sure if Kobus was with them?

When we arrived at the Pretoria motorway which is tolled we decided we would opt to ride alongside the motorway across the bridge. This road was actually quite pleasant but I was starting to realise that the route was flawed as we eventually ended up in Pretoria on the motorway that runs past Centurion.

I decided to cut our losses at this point as we had gone quite some way and head towards Serengetti. We ended up at Nigel's favourite bistro WIMPY instead and I took a picture of the diminished group at this point. I think Joao got hungry at some point and headed toward home before we stopped.

Was a bit of a mess but the food and coffee at Wimpy was as always good so all ended well.

We need to look at a reasonable route to the North that will satisfy all members. Trying to avoid the tolls is tricky.



Surprised everyone is still smiling after the epic ride to nowhere. Down to 6 after starting with 13!

## Ride Report – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

I do not have a report on the ride to classics as I was away in Cape Town but from what I heard this went Well. Colin who has just joined the club met the guys as they were leaving Beerco and from what I understand then hooked up at the club. Did anyone take pictures? Please send them if you did.

## Ride Report – 1<sup>st</sup> May (Cape Town)

Missed hooking up with Andre and Billy in Cape Town by a day. I ended up hiring a Harley for the day and did the Waterfront to Simonstown ride. Man I wish we could get there as group. For those who have done this ride you will know how good the roads are maintained. I wish I lived in a DA province, I know I shouldn't say that but wow everything is still in such good nick including the roads.



I hired a Harley Heritage 1500 for the day and the bike which was keyless turned out to be a real easy ride. Handled very much like my America but with a little more vooma. I stopped for lunch at a small roadside diner between Fishhoek and Simonstown for lunch. The view of the mountains in the background and the sound of surf made this a very pleasant experience.



Looking forward to doing this again sometime.

## Motorcycle Philosophy – What's yours?

To put a Motorcycle Philosophy twist, on an idea from Col. Jeff Cooper; "Owning a motorcycle, no more makes you a motorcycle rider, than buying a guitar makes you a musician.

There are 'Motorcycle Riders'... and there are folks who are transported by a motorcycle.

There's folks who ride motorcycles to get where they're goin'... and then there are those who go where they go ... so they can ride their Motorcycle. I'm not knockin' those who choose a Motorcycle, only 'cause it's cheap transportation. Heck... a lot of 'em catch the bug and end up as pure and true 'Riders'. I'm just sayin' ... that to really be a Rider... is to have an attitude that becomes a part of you... all on its' own.

And I'm not even pointing fingers here at a certain chapter.....

I believe it's something most don't really think about. They just look up one day and realize... that the motorcycle has become a big part of who they are... and they'd rather lose an arm... than their bike.

In amongst all that there's a 'Motorcycle Community' with a lot of competing 'sub-species';

- \* You've got the glass eating, beer guzzling, tatted up, brawlers
- \* The tight, red leather, encased, crotch rocket huggin', daredevils
- \* The stereo listening, windshield and fairing protected, CB talkin', intercom communicating, footboard scrappin', ever'thing but a coffee maker, full dressers etc.
- \* The "If it ain't a Harley...it ain't shit crowd (WOW This is a shocker – Its world—wide!)
- \* The "I'll wait on you up ahead... catch up as soon as you get your Harley fixed"... Metric bunch.
- \* Then, of course, you've got those 'Nose in the Wind', bug eatin', cruisers, hangin' on the bars of a Naked Motorcycle.

... and these are just a few of the many variations, and combinations of variations, of Motorcycle Philosophy in the Motorcycle Riding Community. There's a lot of good natured banter between the different groups... leastways... most of it's good natured! :-). ... and for those who can't be good natured about it? ...

Shut up and Ride!

From genuine, unadulterated, not another one like 'em, wouldn't change if their Grandma begged 'em, individualists... to the fellas that claim to be individualists... but sure look to be followin' just another herd... of 'individuals'... that all look the same ... (Hmmm?)

there's a motorcycle philosophy for ever'body!

Riders who only roll in a group, Loners who prefer to ride Freedom Road Solo... those that ride to save a dime, others ride to live, some who have a need for speed, others who cool out with a slow and easy cruise... Some who scramble after all the newest and costliest safety equipment... and them that wouldn't be caught dead with a plastic encased head!

Whatever your Motorcycle Philosophy, whatever it brings to you, whatever you need from it... you'll find a piece of road made just for you... and the motorcycle you rode in on!

I'd rather be a rider for a minute than a spectator for a lifetime.

**That's it folks!!**