



# *Ulysses East Rand*

## **Newslysses**

**22<sup>nd</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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<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Area</b>
May	29th	Ulysses National Rally weekend	Aldam
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Bikes	Germiston
June	12 <sup>th</sup>	TBA Long ride???	
June	19 <sup>th</sup>	Thirty Three and Piston Ring Club	Modderfontein

### **June Birthdays**

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

May	27-29	SA Bike Festival	Kyalami
June	3-5	Paradise Rally	Sabie



### Tickets are on sale already.

Paradise Rally @ Sabie Tickets

Jun 3 @ 9:00 am – Jun 5 @ 10:00 am

SA's most scenic rally site – entry R200pp

The date has changed from the usual end of May to now 3-5 June 2016. It is SA's most scenic rally site and we are using the same good site again. This will be the 27th Paradise Rally, and Sabie is a great town well-situated in the middle of biking country at the foot of Long Tom Pass surrounded by bikers favourite towns like Hazyview, Graskop and Pilgrims Rest, with big city Nelspruit down the road and good riding everywhere. And the venue is a beauty, overlooking the mountains and bordering on the flowing Sabie River, with new buildings and facilities, including a hall encircled with big bright glass doors and a big veranda on two sides. Final choice of events and entertainment and happenings will be in forthcoming updates, but, meanwhile, yes, it's on ([www.floreatriversidelodge.com](http://www.floreatriversidelodge.com) Tel 013 764 2160). The Floreat Riverside Lodge directions – in Sabie go down the hill from the Wimpy towards Graskop, before the bottom bridge turn and it is on the right at 103 Old Lydenburg Road. It will have the usual camping on site as well as chalets and rooms to hire on site. The owner also owns in Sabie the Jock – Cnr Main St & Glen ave 013 7642178 [www.jock.co.za](http://www.jock.co.za) and the Budget Inn, Cnr. Ford and Main Streets – 013 7642182. [www.budgetinn.co](http://www.budgetinn.co).

### Ulysses Website

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

All newsletters for 2016.

**Ride Report 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**



Seems like the weather caught everyone by surprise on Sunday morning as I was the first to arrive by bike at Bimbo's. Was quite a big crowd milling around the garage but couldn't see any specific club badges on display. Just makes it more important that we always have ours up so we can perhaps increase membership /climbs off soapbox.



The talk at Bimbo's centred around Jonanthan's new ride which is pretty as hell. Still in pristine nick as He hasn't even put the tank decal on yet. This brings the total number of bikes he won to three. Owning more than one bike in this chapter seems to a thing as Andre also arrived on his newly acquitted Vstrom. The back tyre looked a little flat on arrival but that was soon sorted. If you are viewing this in black and white it is the red Honda VRF in the middle of the picture.

Trevor was first to the meeting point and it was good to see him, I stupidly offered to shake his hand before realising that was the op hand. Really pleased he has one down now and one to go. His hand is looking good. The gang started to arrive after that and by 8:30 the Prez shouted "Maak Vas!". We were originally planning to head out the Que Sera for the Old Mans Blanket Rally but general sentiment was that we should head elsewhere. We agreed to head toward Karoo Café which is always a hit due to the menu.

I started wondering where Joao "Motormouth" was because they serve pap as part of the menu ☺. What a slacker !!!! ☺.

Thankfully Andre had come from the east and informed us that we could use the standard route as work was down to a minimum and there was very little sand roads to navigate. With Mike C/Mathew off on another adventure this weekend Andre played sweeper for the trip. The cold seemed to affect Hannetjie quite a bit as she indicated that it was difficult to manage the indicators. Nonetheless after we grouped at the bapsfontein turnoff she took off at a heck of a pace and it was some time before our intrepid Prez caught up. Was a lovely ride out to the Café and the food seemed to meet everyone needs. Joe has managed to secure a Chalet on site so that means I wont be camping, yay. We still need to finalise leaving times so that we can travel together. There is a need to get there in time for the General meeting as we have some unresolved issues that need to be raised. Will try post in the Wharsapp channel on that subject i.e. time to leave.

Posted this last picture if only to show Ulysses East Rand still commands the prime spot at Bimbo's.



## Ride Report 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – After burner @ Thirty Three



Originally Lionel had suggested that we make a turn at Piston Club for a drink on the ride home. Turned out we were a week late. We opted to stop at Thirty Three which is always pleasant. With free craft beer tasting! We never got that far but I have scheduled Piston into this months run list so, another day for that.

Paul and Andre headed home from Karoo and did not join us.

### Motorcycle Philosophy – What's yours?

I really enjoyed the article I posted last week on philosophy so am going to bore you some more with other similar writings.

This week I think we can read the The Wise Sloth!

### Why we ride (Biker Philosophy)

Riding is an adrenaline rush.

Riding a motorcycle gives you the same thrill as surfing -harnessing the massive power of something outside of you and bending it to your will to launch you down the highway at 70 miles an hour. As a child you probably stuck your hand out of a car window to feel the raw energy of the world surging past you. That was just a taste of what you experience on a motorcycle.

Riding places you an inch away from death.

Have you ever been rafting, sky diving, skiing or bungee jumping? Have you ever watched a horror movie, gone to a haunted house, looked in the mirror and said "Bloody Mary" three times, or done anything remotely scary or dangerous just to bring a thrill to your dull suburban life? Yes. Yes you have, because

nothing makes you feel more alive than being near death. Riding a motorcycle injects that experience straight into your veins. *(K this I can't agree to lol).*

Riding brings you closer to life than a car does.

Riding in a car is the same experience as sitting in your office or living room. It's a temperature controlled, sterile, familiar environment, and it keeps you from experiencing anything different as you transition between one controlled, sterile, familiar environment to the other. Riding breaks that up a bit. When you ride you don't pass through your environment unaware. You become a part of it and experience it.

Riding cuts you off from the bullshit.

Riding a motorcycle is like traveling through space. No one can call you. No one can get in your face. No one can reach you. It's like you don't exist. You're outside the system, and you can go anywhere you want. As long as you're on your bike, you're free from everything.

I don't rate this article as much as I did last week's but you need different perspectives to form an opinion.

**That's it folks!!**

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