



BETHAL CHAPTER - NEWS

January 2014

18 Jan 2014 - The Bethal Chapter kicked the year off with a bang on Sat afternoon.

With 98 % of members present, a potjie afternoon/evening do was held to plan the chapter activities for 2014 - including the National Rally in May.

With a swimming pool handy and a constant flow of refreshments to prevent dehydration, the meeting was held - with the proposed rides for 2014 being documented. Most importantly, the ride for the very next day was confirmed and the eager beavers were made really nervous about the 07:00 departure time - in view of the festivities to come.

Two potjies - one mutton and one the revered (and dreaded by some) afval of dubious origin - were delicately nurtured to climax amid much discussion.

The function ended when the stragglers departed at around 23:30 with designated drivers obviously in attendance.

19 Jan 2014 - With the threat of rain reducing the attendance figures - there are a few fair weather riders in this august group!!! - the die-hards left for the Cradle of Life - not the Vaalie one - at 07:00 sharp. In the area there are some wonderful rides, including a 30 km stretch of the best high speed twisties around, great country restaurant in the Komati valley (Cradle of Life) and some of the most beautiful wild and endangered species breeding programs for survival of these very scarce animals. Tours are also available to see and touch some of the "cuties" including lion cubs and Bengal tiger cubs. For the "rockies", there is a magnificent geological display at the Cradle restaurant as well.



The riders were all back home by 15:00 and needless to say, the rain never materialised until 17:00!!!

Until next time - Cheers

(Due to large numbers and variety of languages spoken in the chapter, the news will alternate between languages!!)