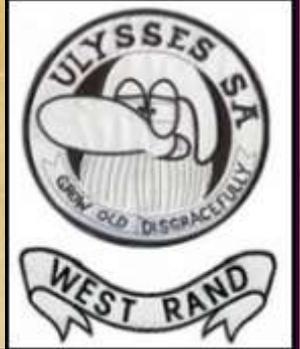


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Bettering the brotherhood of biking
and having fun while doing it!

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6 APRIL 2019

Naughty By Nature

Tania and Boyd arrived at the venue early and had to wait a while before Rob and Vin joined them. Harry, Wendy, Teresa and Kobus arrived later. It was a fun day with a number of clubs supporting the day. Even though one of the Randfontein power substations had exploded and the power was off, the music and fun continued with the help of a generator.

Activities included blindfolded wheelbarrow racing, donuts and slow races. Boyd entered a **slow race, but unfortunately didn't get very far.**

Tania was lucky enough to win a prize in one of the lucky draws.

It looked like the rain clouds were building rapidly so it was time to go home. All reported home safe after a fun day.



Hobosexual

Hobosexual—Someone that enters into a relationship to prevent themselves from being homeless.

RIDES

Official Chapter Sunday Ride: 1st Sunday of the month.

Sunday Breakfast Runs: Every Sunday.

Meeting Place: Pinehaven Sasol Garage

GPS: S26.06168 E27.83200

Time: 08:30 to depart 09:00

7 APRIL 2019

Andre van den Heever suggested that the monthly ride can be combined with the M.O.T.H. prison run to Heidelberg. Arrangements were made to meet up at Hillfox China Mall at 07:30. The venue was selected due to its proximity to the 14th Avenue on ramp and the early start. The M.O.T.H. assembly point was at Engen Blockhouse just past Alberton on the R59. The plan was to depart from the Blockhouse at 09:00 to the Prison in Heidelberg.

Bryn, Andre, Harry, Wendy, Kobus, Teresa, Boyd and Kurt gathered at Hillfox. We left Hillfox at approximately 07:40 towards Vereeniging. Boyd pulled Kurt over at the first traffic light after spotting a problem with his tyre. Kurt decided to rather not risk the ride and turned around. The rest of the group proceeded to the Blockhouse and got there just before 08:30. A number of other bikers were there already and the numbers grew by the minute. Some of the other WRBA clubs also arrived at the venue. Kurt also arrived at the Blockhouse, having opted to drive by car.



Just after 09:00 the bikers saddled up and started to gather on the side of the road. There were a lot of bikes as well as a Metro Police car that was going to lead the ride. The lead bikes started to move and everybody fell in. Then the confusion started. At the first split a number of bikes took the turn off

while others went straight ahead. Harry followed the guy in front of him, Andre followed Harry and Kobus followed Andre. The three of us went over the highway to join the bikes going straight while Boyd and Bryn took the left turn. It turned out that there were three different rides that departed from the Blockhouse at the same time. The three of us quickly saw that we were at the wrong venue and Harry found the right location on his GPS and off we went.

It was quite a scenic drive trying to get to the M.O.T.H. hall. We arrived shortly after the others at the venue and laughed about the confusion. We looked around the old Prison and bought some drinks from the bar. Kurt arrived at the prison as well after having gone to the real prison first. He indicated that it was weird not to see any bikes at the prison and the prison gate guard also seemed very confused when he asked about the bike run.

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While we were sitting outside somebody mentioned that there is a ghost haunting the prison as one of the inmates was executed at the wall where we were sitting. A few seconds after that Teresa's drink just fell over, followed by something knocking her helmet off the bike. We threw some beer over our shoulders to appease the ghost.

The potjies were ready and we were called to dish up. The food was very nice and there was more than enough for everybody. Just after we ate Boyd and Bryn came in from outside and indicated that they were going to leave as a major rainstorm was brewing. We went outside to also look and quickly decided to also leave before the rain arrived. We took the highway home and sped it up a bit to make sure we missed the rain. I think in the end everybody got home dry; all also checked in to say they were home safe.



Have patience with all things, but first with yourself. Never confuse your *mistakes with your value as a human being. You're a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist.* No amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. Unconditional self-acceptance is the core of a peaceful mind.

- St. Francis de Sales

Members of the West Rand Chapter gathered at Grant and Kathy's home for the AGM. Jackie welcomed all and the minutes of the previous AGM was confirmed. Details of the Agenda items will be available in the Minutes asap.



Jackie (Chapter President) and Kathy (Treasurer) are going into their 2nd year of their elected term. Kobus (Vice) and Teresa (Secretary) were co-opted for another year. After the Meeting everyone enjoyed vetkoek with mince and jam, arranged by Jackie and Teresa, while Kathy catered for the sweet teeths with great tasting malva pudding and tipsy tart. Another successful AGM with a good social afterwards.



BREKKIE RIDE

14 APRIL 2019

Bru House

After the AGM, few members were available to ride on the Sunday morning, but with Morgan being home from Tanzania we were sure to do a ride, no matter how short.

Steven joined us and the 3 bikes headed for the Bru House where Rob and Fin would be meeting up with us.

The company was great and the food good so it was a pleasant morning. Steven headed to Harties while Morgan and Jackie enjoyed the ride back via the Lanseria road.



BREKKIE RIDE

21 APRIL 2019

Cableway

via the Dam Wall

We woke up to clear skies, so Andre and Lesley joined Jackie, Morgan and Andre vdH. Mike and wife Lein, would be waiting for us at the Cableway restaurant.

Very few bikes were at Pinehaven, a sign that it was Easter Weekend and many folks were away. Jackie leading played on the Satellite road but Andre on his new BMW was still getting used to the heavier bike's handling.

We stopped on the dam wall for some photos because that's how we make memories.... Traffic wasn't bad so we filed back into the cars crossing and soon arrived at the Cableway.

The place was packed, people queuing to go up in the cable cars. The restaurant was almost empty except for 3 other tables being occupied. In spite of this the service was very slow, with Jackie having to call the waiter 3 times... orders were taken and coffee arrived.

It was good to see Lein again after our visit to her and Mike in December. Mike and Morgan also had some catching up to do.

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When the food finally arrived it was worth the wait, tasty and enough on the plate. After some good conversations it was time to head home. The plan was to take the recently rebuilt Hennops road, but a fellow biker warned that there were huge delays due to road blocks. We took the Pelindaba road and back via Satellite road. All reported home safe, ending another great morning out.

It's not always where you ride, but enjoying the road and meeting up with our Ulysses Familia that makes a Sunday morning special.



BREKKIE RIDE

28 APRIL 2019

Harties Resort

After suggesting that we visit Harties Resort to decide/plan the Chapter Year End Function a few hands were raised.

Although the weather report said it would be just cloudy, it looked like rain was coming and it was chilly.

6 Bikes lined up and with Jackie leading and Harry as sweeper, we headed to Harties. Mike would meet the group at his entrance from the Satellite road. Teresa's Harley decided it was alarm time and kept screaming with indicators flashing. Kobus managed to deactivate the alarm and off we went.

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Getting to Mike's place, he was nowhere to be seen. Arriving at Harties Resort he was waiting for us outside the entrance, thinking we misunderstood the arrangement. In front of the entrance was Lawrence Lang, who runs the WRBA Facebook Page and former member of our Chapter, chatting to Mike and then came to chat to me. Always involved in charities, he was bringing some kids to enjoy the day at the resort. Well done Lawrie! We finally got through the gate and rode up to the restaurant and lapa3. We parked the bikes and settled at the lapa, ordering coffee and brekkie. Service was slow but with only 2



staff members manning the kitchen and pub, they prepared great tasting food. We walked around and identified a suitable area and cabins for our Year End Function. Simon was phoned and Jackie will come back with more info asap.

Riding home we split up, each riding at their own pace and direction of choice. All reported home safely, closing off a great time out.

BIRTHDAY LIST

January

2—Boyd Smit
20—Kobus Strydom
31—Tania Spinnler

February

8—Fin Rogers
28—Anne-Marie Nethercote

March

21—Kurt von Broembsen
28—Kathy Braddon

April

23—Rob Stevensen
26—Nikki Joubert

May

June

5—Grant Braddon
8—Jackie Ludick
15—Greg Nethercote

July

August

1—Daniel Deysel
8—Andre vd Heever
18—Mike Smith
30—Teresa Strydom

September

8—Andre van Rooyen

October

19—Lesley van Rooyen

November

14—Harry Joubert
15—Morgan Jones
18—Steve Vorster
20—Bryn Willemse

December

