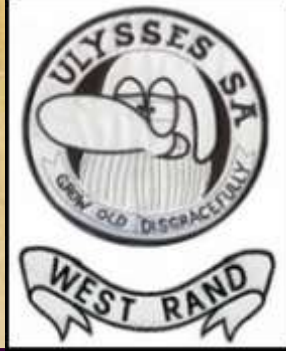


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OFFICIAL CHAPTER RIDE

7 JULY 2019

1000 Bike Show

Some members were on their way back from the Boob Rally, others were heading to Cape Town.

Harry hadn't been to this event before so he joined Jackie while Greg and AnnaMaria opted to meet us there.

There were some other bikes heading in that direction but not too many. Arriving at the venue we parked our Bikes in an almost empty parking area allocated for bikes. Coffee was first on the menu and then we headed for the main display tent.

Less bikes on display than previous years (no big Triumph or BMW display but still some amazing classics on show. Always interesting to see how bikes have evolved over the years. Greg and AnnaMaria arrived and we walked through the stalls. The show is smaller than ever and with less support from the bikers.

The Goldwing Club had VIP parking and some lovely trikes were on display.

After enjoying some pannekoek and more coffee we were ready to enjoy a the ride home.

~Jackie~



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

CHAPTER MEETING & SOCIAL

13 JULY 2019

Vin & Rob's Home

Vin and Rob hosted the Monthly Chapter Meeting and Social.

Chapter related matters were discussed and then the fire was ready to braai.

Good company, boerie rolls and a drink or two and the time just flew! A very enjoyable social, pity not many Members were able to attend.

~Jackie~

BREKKIE RIDE

28 JULY 2019

French Toast

Only three riders were available to ride on the Sunday. Jackie opted for French Toast and Tania and Bryn agreed to join her.

Arriving at Pinehaven Jackie was already there and spoiled Tania and Bryn with a nice hot cup of coffee. There were very few bikers gathered at Pinehaven, seems the cold weather are keeping guys at home.

We had a good ride to the venue, on our arrival the place was already packed. We looked for a spot in the sun but the sun never reached us. The waiter gave each of us a blanket which helped for the cold.

The menu consisted of anything with French toast, which all sounded very delicious. We **didn't wait too long for our food and we all enjoyed our meals.**

The venue was made for the film set of the movie French Toast so the French theme is pertinent throughout the venue, complete with the Eiffel tower and an accordion player moving amongst the guests.

Visitors can buy padlocks which get engraved with their own message, and is then placed all over the Eiffel tower, the bridge and anywhere else people can find a place to put their locks. There are thousands of locks all over the entire venue.

After our breakfast we took a few photos and had a nice ride back home.

~Tania~



ULYSSES HISTORY

The Origins of the Name

Greek hero Ulysses (some called him Odysseus) had some wild adventures as king of Ithaca, his wooden horse filled with armed soldiers in Troy being one of them.

He thereafter sailed home to a tame and relatively boring family and castle. The poem titled "Ulysses", by Alfred Lord Tennyson, tells of him longing to go adventuring again with his shipmates of old.

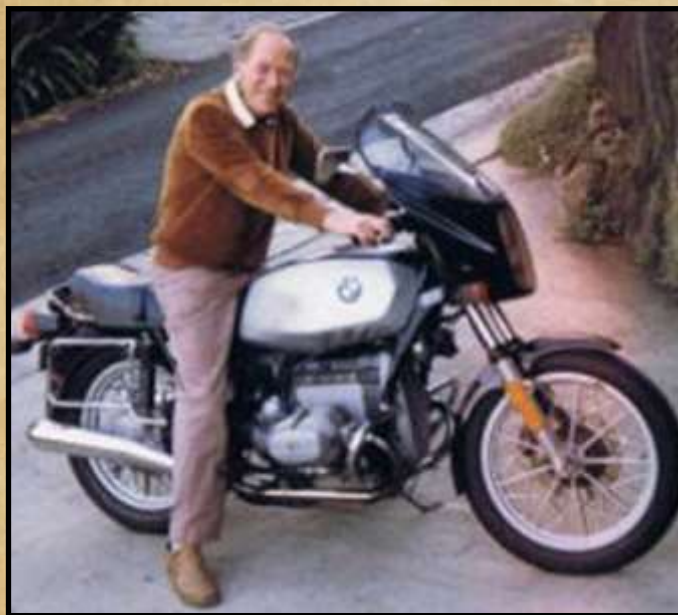
This draws a parallel with Ulysses bikers with the Ulysses Motorcycle Association of South Africa offering opportunities for over forty year olds to get out there and show the world that we still have what it takes to enjoy the excitement that awaits every rider, and would be rider, to show that we aren't ready to lay back and watch the weeds grow and then look back and wonder "could I have done better".

No, for us it is the open road and the friendship that comes with the great companionship of many others who wish to enjoy the biking way of life.

The Australian Founder

The original Ulysses Club was started in Australia by Stephen Dearnley, a self-confessed motorcycle fanatic who came to Australia from Britain in 1947 after going through the horrors of World War II. His aim was to create a movement that encouraged older people to get out and enjoy life in their later years.

The movement has grown from 5 to more than 20,000 members across Australia.



About Ulysses SA

In South Africa one Simon Fourie thought that it was exactly what South Africa needed and in 1998 went to the Australian Ulysses National Rally held in a place called Wagga Wagga. He gave a speech to the assembled disgracefuls about his intentions and was well received and welcomed to the fold. There were several other meetings at Wagga Wagga with the Ulysses head office hierarchy, mostly outdoors and under a tree nicknamed "The Tea Tree".

Thereafter the Fourie visited major centres in South Africa to spread the Ulysses message and to sign on members.

The final launch dates took place as follows:

- Bloemfontein, 30 November 1998 at CBC Old Boys Club, Waverly, hosted by Pine Pienaar.
- Cape Town, Tuesday, 1st December 1998, Wingfield Officers Club in Goodwood, hosted by Frans Gouws.
- Port Elizabeth, Wednesday 2nd December 1998, hosted by Sharwoods Motorcycles, Northend.
- East London, Thursday 3rd December 1998, Road Runners Clubhouse, Abbotsford, hosted by John Buckler, who was to take over the burden of running Ulysses from Simon Fourie as National President.



- Durban, Sunday 6 December 1998, at the Assagay Hotel, between Pinetown and Hammarsdale.
- Gauteng, Tuesday 8th December 1998, Kyalami Exhibition Centre.

An interesting comment, with unanimous concurrence from everyone, was from a Cape Town gentleman who had retired as a Director and asked that Ulysses please should not have endless committee and other meetings he was happy to retire from.

Yes, the Fourie pointed out, Ulysses is like a big, strong lazy river which flows along in whichever direction the members want it to go. It flows slowly, because there is no rush nor any deadlines and it meanders naturally with few rules and regulations.

A Ulysses retirement village was discussed and a Cape Town newspaper said that this will be a place "where ancient hooligans will gather to ward off loneliness and exchange lies about their formative years."

The first national rally was at Drakensville Resort, in the Drakensberg, in KZN and was a great success and there has been a national rally, in various locations, every year since then.

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