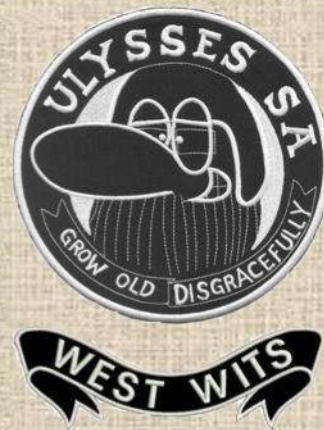


West Wits Ulysses Times

Est. 14 Nov 2017

13 February 2019



Affiliated to Ulysses SA & Member of WRBA.
West Wits Chapter furthering the Brotherhood
of biking whilst having fun doing it.

Age Restriction "40 SNL"
Rider Discretion Advised

Sunday Breakfast & Lunch Run
Loskop Dam [+600kms Run]
10 February 2019



From Left:

Dawie [Philysses], Allan [President], Marius [Friend], Specs [Road Capt], Nicky [Road Capt]

After Saturday's Monthly Chapter Meeting and Social there were not many strong and healthy riders who turned up for the 07h00 Sunday morning start for the +600kms ride.

Dawie, being our newly patched Philysses Member, however was up bright and early showing the Ugly buggers on how it should be done. Marius who had ridden on rides already with the Ugly Buggers making this his 4th.

Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 19 September 2018]

January

February

13 - Beatrix van Staden
24 - Hanelie Vermeulen

March

01 - Gert Nagel
04 - Trudie Ferguson
28 - Belinda Van Rhyn

April

07 - Gerald van Staden
22 - Petro Nagel

May

02 - Chris Jansen van Vuuren
24 - Valerie de Bruyn

June

01 - Hazel van der Merwe
06 - Nicky Oosthuizen
27 - Harold van Zyl

July

-Nil-

August

03 - Noreen Jansen Van Vuuren
18 - Sean van der Merwe
23 - Allan Ferguson

September

13 - Mark Westcott

October

05 - Bernie Van Zyl
08 - Philip Van Rhyn
10 - Daleen Westcott
12 - Johan Basson
18 - Specs Vermeulen

November

21 - Sakkie Viljoen
28 - Manda Oberholzer

December

11 - Andries Oberholzer

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The last rider to pitch up at 007 Engen Garage was the Chapter President who had made it with a minute to spare. He had tried to get in as much beauty sleep as possible. Well that was his excuse which by the comments that went around, nobody had believed his story.

A pre-ride breakdown was given by Specs [Road Captain] on the routes to be taken and timing of the breakfast stop etc. Specs took the led whilst Nicky [Road Captain] took up the sweeper role.

The group set off looking forward to the Breakfast stop which was scheduled along the N12 approx 149kms from CVille. Arrived at the stop over point being the Total Garage which had a Steers Restaurant at about 08h54 and some what famished. Had a light breakfast and coffee. The geriatrics had their meds and then hit the road again.



Steers Restaurant along the N12 before Witbank

 Pieta's PUB & GRILL Kitchen & Take Away Menu	
Burgers	
- Single 150g Beef & Cheese Burger with Chips	R 65-00
- Double 300g Beef & Cheese Burger with Chips	R 75-00
- add extra egg @ R 6-00	
Toasted Sandwich & Chips	
- Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato	R 35-00
- Toasted Ham & Cheese	R 30-00
- Toasted Cheese & Tomato	R 30-00
- Toasted Bacon, Egg & Cheese	R 40-00
Peri - Peri Chicken Livers	R 45-00
Pap & Kalings (150g)	R 60-00
- add extra egg @ R 6-00	
Pap & Maalviels (300g)	R 60-00
- add extra egg @ R 6-00	
Small Russian	R 12-00
Large Russian	R 20-00
Small Chips	R 15-00
Large Chips	R 25-00
Pap & Stew with veggie of the day	R 45-00
300g Rump Steak with Chips	R 115-00
- add extra egg @ R 6-00	
All day BREAKFAST!! (Served with Pap or 2 x Slices Toast)	R 40-00
- 2 x Eggs, 3 x Bacon, Tomato	R 55-00
- 2 x Eggs, 3 x Bacon, Boerewors Tomato	R 65-00
- 2 x Eggs with Skilpadtjies	
ORDERS: 060 349 0442 R555, Old Witbank / Middelburg Road	

Specs led the group off the N12 freeway and through Witbank following the old road to Middleburg along the R555. After riding for approx 53 kms we reached PIETA'S Pub and Grill situated along side the R555. We stopped to have a cold one and for Specs to show the group what a nice watering hole Mark and he had come across some time back whilst on a ride to Loskop Dam. Food reasonably priced.



Pieta introduced those who were brave enough to his Speciality "Skaap Oogie".

Sunday Breakfast & Lunch Run

Loskop Dam [+600kms Run]

10 February 2019

After wondering around and looking at the what the venue has to offer we hit the road once again aiming for Middelburg along the R555.

On reaching Middelburg the group turned onto the N11 aiming for Loskop Dam. The Loskop Dam is situated on the Olifants River approx 60kms north of Middelburg. It is between Middelburg and Groblersdal. Loskop Dam was built to provide



Massive veranda next to the restaurant



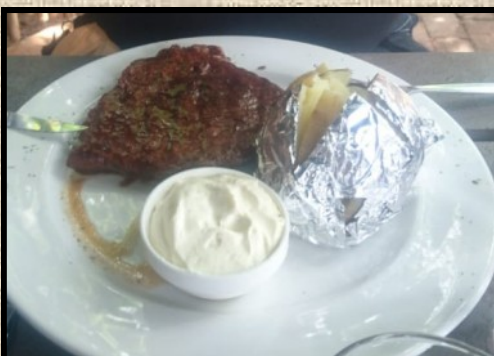
Loskop Dam viewed from side of the road View Point.

irrigation water to approx 16,000 hectares of farmland via a colossal 480km network of canals. The initial construction had begun in 1934 and was only completed in 1938. It was renovated in 1979. The dam is 81 years old.

Loskop Dam	
Creates	Loskop Dam reservoir
Total capacity	361,500,000 cubic metres (1.277×10^{10} cu ft)
Catchment area	12,285 square kilometres (4,743 sq mi)
Surface area	2,427.7 hectares (5,999 acres)



After having a photo taken by another tourist, the group rode onto Bospot Pub & Grill which is situated next to the N11 and just short of the Limpopo and Mpumalanga borders. Lunch Time it was and +300kms added onto the clocks.



Left: Rump Steak & Baked Potato with cream.

Right: Eisbein with Vegetables.



Sunday Breakfast & Lunch Run Loskop Dam [+600kms Run] 10 February 2019

Since Specs & Mark had last visited the Bosspot it had gone backwards somewhat.

The Ladies toilets door was locked and signs up saying OUT OF ORDER.



The group decided to sit outside under the shade due to the extreme humidity due to the close proximity to the Loskop Dam and the heat of the Lowveld sitting at 38 degrees.

The first seating that Specs selected to sit at was broken and the second had sharp nails sticking up just waiting to deflate ones' butt.

The 3rd choice however was fine and orders were taken by a very friendly waitress who warned that all the food was made fresh and

therefore would take between 20 to 40 mins before serving. Well the group was comfortable with that waiting period.

The food was served hot and the plates were warm. All expressed their satisfaction with their orders with the food being very tasty.

After Lunch the group set off for home along the same route once again and stopping just before Witbank at Pieta's Pub & Grill for a thirst quencher. The Eastern Transvaal as it was called pre new dispensation is known for its Hot Humid Summers and even though one rides a bike the hot air makes one very thirsty. That was the last watering hole for the day.

Another last petrol pit stop was in Witbank and then the final push homewards. The first WhatsApp messages posted HOME SAFE were as from 18h10. All report Home Safe.

It was a good distance travelled for the day with just over 600kms added onto the odometer. Some of the bikes with smaller petrol tanks stopping to fill up more often than the BMW GS Adventurer which only topped up once due to its 30 litre tank capacity.



CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL

Specs & Hanelie Hosts

09 February 2019



The meeting was held at Hanelie and Specs home and the members thanked them for their hospitality. 16 x Chapter Members managed to take time out and join the Meeting and then the Social. The meeting had made a request that Members should diarise the Meeting dates and really make an concerted effort to attend each month. Its at the Meeting that members make decisions and adopt resolutions & which then become binding on those that are not present.

The meeting was a very auspicious occasion as the West Rand Biking Association & its members had granted permission at the meeting held on the 7th February 2019 that the Philysses Patch may be worn. The process had commenced during October 2018 and went through all the required protocols etc. Ulysses SA - West Wits Chapter could patch Rene & Dawie who had been riding with the Chapter on a regular basis since 9th September 2018 or more than 6 months. They after 3 rides then regularly attended the monthly Chapter Meetings and So- cials plus had attended a number of Day Jols. The West Wits Chapter welcomes the Philysses members under its arm into the Chapter. Philysses catering for the under 40's in the west rand.

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Specs & Hanelie Hosts

09 February 2019

The Patching of our first Philysses Members.



Allan [Ulysses - West Wits President] & Rene receiving her Philysses Patch. Rene being the first Philysses Patched Member in the West Rand Region.



Allan & Dawie receiving his Philysses Patch. Dawie being the second Philysses Patched Member in the West Rand Region.



Chapter Raffle:

Specs kindly donated a special bottle of wine in a box inclusive of a full kit of accessories, which any wine connoisseur would always have, to be raffled at the Meeting and the proceeds went into the Chapter Kitty Bank.

The Members thanked Specs and the Raffle brought in a very good amount.

Question: Who would like to donate something to be raffled at the next Meeting?

CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL Specs & Hanelie Hosts 09 February 2019

There was a choice of a traditional charcoal braai or a gas braai. Some just took the easy way out and braaied on the gas braai whilst the traditional guys went for the Charcoal braai.



Serious Faces at the Chapter Meeting.



Chapter Members & family enjoying their meal

The Social went off well even thou the rain threaten with a few drops but the members had the braais and seating under roofing.

All reported home safe with the last reporting just before midnight. Not much sleep for those that had to get up early for their 07h00 ride start to Loskop Dam.



New Bike in CHAPTER 09 February 2019

Johan had been looking for a Triumph Rocket III for a while and after many visits to many dealers and some private he finally found "THE ONE".



$$n + 1$$

The final formula for the exact amount of motorcycles you need to have.

where n is the number of motorcycles you currently have.

Wonder if the $n + 1$ formula had anything to do with him purchasing a second bike as he intends keeping the BMW R1200GS Adventurer.

The Chapter Congratulates Johan & wishes him many safe and trouble free kms on the Rocket.

HOODLUMS BOOZE CRUISE KOSMOS - HARTIES 1 JUNE 2019

For those Ulysses Members that feel like doing something different, here is your ideal opportunity, well if you don't suffer from Sea Sickness that is.

There is however limited space available so it is on a first pay first get on-board come 1 June 2019.

There will be members from many clubs onboard thus making it a great day socializing with fellow bikers.

Hoodlums Mc. Booze Cruise

1 June 2019

Kosmos Harties

R300 p.p

Food Included

HURRY!


Entries close 29 May 2019

Limited space...

Contact:

Toppie 0747571022

Leeroy 0744817093



Hoodlums MC

Standard Bank

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On Left: The Banking Details for payment:

If you pay via an EFT Leeroy [Hoodlums Vice] posted the following:

Please use your name as reference and how many tickets.

10h00 Sharp Climb aboard the boat

Food supplied choice either Chicken or Beef Curry

Cash Bar onboard

Good Music & excellent Hosts being the Hoodlums MC.

Chapter Out Rides

Chapter Rides 2019

Type	Date	Depart time	venue	Town	Distance-one way
Social	Saturday 12 January	16:30 - 21:00	Anglo Game Reserve	Carletonville/Fochville	9km
Outride	Sunday 13 January	07:00 - 16:00	Biker Church or Doors	Krugersdorp - Parys	60km
Outride	Sunday 20 January	11:00 - 16:00	Rossi's	Vanderbijlpark	81km
Outride	Sunday 27 January	09:00 - 16:00	Diggers Inn	Rysmierbult	35km
Outride	Sunday 03 February	10:30 - 16:00	Woody's - The Shack	Hartebeespoort	97km
Social	Saturday 09 February	16:30 - 21:00	Hanelie & Specs	Carletonville/Fochville	Depends
Outride	Sunday 10 February	07:00 - 17:00	Pieta's & Bospot	Middelburg - Ioskop Dam	297km
Outride	Sunday 17 February	08:00 - 16:00	Oppiestasie - Brewhouse Jewel	Cullinan	178
Outride	Sunday 24 February	08:00 - 16:00	Coobah - Grasdak - Lion Park	Klerksdorp	100
Outride	Saturday 02 March	05:00 - 19:00	Johnny's Roti & Bunny Chow	Durban	645

Group Riding Tips & Hints

When riding in a group there are a few points to remember & you are duly reminded of some of the points contained in your "Ulysses SA Welcoming Letter" you received during your patching and which reads:

Safety is of paramount importance on any rides we organize and we stress that you should only ride at a comfortable speed for yourself. [Thus group will always ride at the pace set by the slowest rider.]

Briefings are normally given at the start of each ride and the ride leader and sweeper identified. The riding etiquette will be specified by the club, but generally we ride in a staggered formation at low speeds and in single file at higher speeds with a **3 - 4 second gap**. [This 3 - 4 secs gap is critical in group rides so as not to leave anybody behind. If the rider directly behind you slows down then so do you & a chain reaction kicks in].

At any turn off, a rider or the group will wait to indicate this is the turn and once all riders are through, the ride will resume.

When passing a vehicle, try not to slow down as this may cause a problem for the rider behind you who will have accelerated. If you have to tap off or slow down due to the traffic conditions, tap your brakes to light your stop light to warn the rider behind. Those with Speed Cruise must refrain from releasing their throttle as their bikes will slow down to the preset speed and can cause issues with the bikes coming in from behind.

In a marginal situation such as passing a long vehicle with some oncoming traffic, rather tap off and hang back until it is completely safe to make the maneuver. Remember in the overall scheme of things, a minute (or few seconds) saved, doesn't matter.

Reminder

21st Ulysses National Rally 10-12 May 2019

1. You must complete the Form "2019 National Rally Entry Form 2018 11 12.XLSX" and on completion and following the payment instruction at the bottom of the spreadsheet namely: Payment Banking Details = **Ulysses Functions, ABSA, Acc No : 9312464977, Branch : 632005, Current Account.**

E-mail completed entry form and POP [Proof Of Payment] to admin@ulyssessa.co.za

Please note: Entries with Regalia: closing date 28th March 2019

Entries without regalia: closing date 15th April 2019

2. Booking Accommodation on site at ATKV Buffelspoort: Telephone 014 572 1000 and quote code UJN21 or e-mail Buffelspoort@atkv.org.za and quote code UJN21.

Please Note : The option to stay extra nights is available.

More details can be found on the website <https://www.atkvresorts.co.za/Resorts/Buffelspoort>

Please note that both No 1 and No 2 steps above must be followed to fully enter the Rally.

Diarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

9 Mar 2019 - West Wits Chapter Meeting & Social, Allan & Trudie venue to be confirmed.

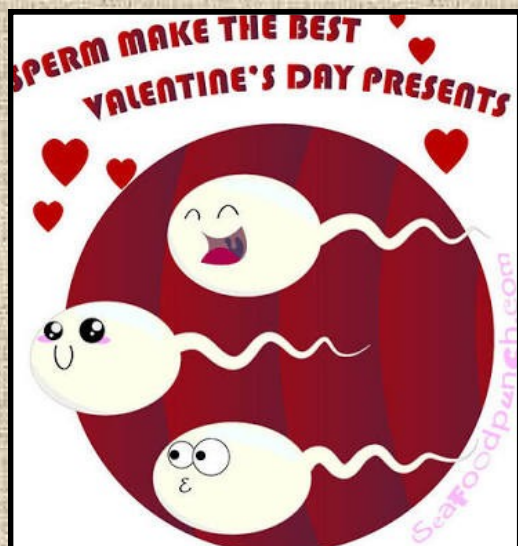
12 - 14 Apr - Buffalo Rally -

10 -12 May 2019 - 21st Ulysses National Rally. Buffelspoort.

Dates of some other Day Jols & Rallies:-

8 - 10 Mar 2019 - Impala Rally - Hartbeespoort Holiday Resort, R200 gate entry

Smile a While



A old biker is sure his neighbour is stalking him as she's been googling his name on her computer. He knows this as fact, because he saw it through his telescope last night.

When I found out that my toaster wasn't water-proof, I was shocked.

