West Wits Ulysses Times

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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

4 - 7 May 2023. Ulysses SA National Convention. ATKV Natalia. Kingsburgh, KZN.





The West Wits Members at the 2023 National Convention.



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January

February

13 - Beatrix van Staden

March

01 - Gert Nagel

04 - Trudie Ferguson

April

07 - Gerald van Staden

22 - Petro Nagel

May

24 - Valerie Oosthuyzen

June

06 - Nicky Oosthuyzen

21 - Jaco Blaauw

July

August

09 - Petro Doran

18 - Sean van der Merwe

23 - Allan Ferguson

September

October

12 - Johan Basson

November

28 - Manda Oberholzer

December

11 - Andries Oberholzer

Prospects:

27 Mar - Stephanie Blaauw 07 Oct - Therese Basson 4 - 7 May 2023.

Ulysses SA National Convention.

[Author: Stephanie Blaauw]

Geeezzzzz time flies when you are having fun!! One moment we are planning our trip to the nationals in Upington, the next we are washing our jackets after the nationals in Durban! And before you know it, the next nationals will be done and the Facebook post that was supposed to accompany the aftermath of Durban would still not have been posted....

Anyhow....

So the time for 2023 nationals have come, and sadly gone. Durban Chapter, goodness that was fun!

On Monday morning, some of our eager members departed to KZN to have an early start (of miskien is hulle net lekker te voor in die koor?) and irritated us for the rest of the week with beach and braai photos. On Thursday morning, the rest of the gang left from 007 to join them. Just before we had to resuscitate our bums, we arrived and the fun began!

Durbs were waiting for us with some flippen awesome goody bags, we checked in, and we soon forgot about all our worries! We were braaing, we were eating, we had tasty slush puppies, we had our toes in the sea water, we had amazing bunny chows, we visited interesting shops, we had superb food at the gala event, (un)lucky draws, laughs from our neighbours in West Rand and way too much fun to mention all. The vibe amongst the people was electrifying. That saying that goes: "oud maar nog nie koud", the Ulysseans are proving that to be true over and over!

I was reading through the Ulysses SA website the other day, and came across the history of Ulysses SA and where it all began. We all know, or we are supposed to have heard about the Greek Ulysses and the poem written by Alfred Lord about him and his longing for adventure. Well his family was boring and the castle was boring and.... Ulysses SA was born, and... Just go and read the poem and history ok!? But the past weekend would have made the old Ulysses very proud. This family just never stops having fun and riding bikes! These bikers are the definition of "not boring".

Next year will be hosted by Klerksdorp and we cannot wait! My wish is that West Wits will rule the 2024 convention with our attendance (Our numbers may be small, but our spirit is big!), so Sean I will ask your boss for leave neh! Gert and Petro, just no excuse! Andries and Manda, also no excuse! Johan and Therese..... Johan ek reel vir jou die sieknota ok! Ons het julle gemis man!! The other ugly, disgraceful bunch that attended this year, just remember to keep your diaries open for this event! Maybe there will be some interesting shops with interesting sweets as well!!

[Photo album to follow soon, I promise!]

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- TRAVELLING -

Thanks goes to all who took photos during the Convention Week and posted them on the Chat Group or just held back and sent them in bulk to be used in the Newsletter. Believe it or not there were just over 270 photos stored to be used in this Newsletter.

The next pages contain but a few prominent of the many photos gathered. One major difference with this convention compared to the previous ones was that every West Wits Member mode of transport this year was: No Cages, No Support Vehicle, No Caravans, No Tents but all booked into the ATKV Natalia Flats & Mode of Transport being a Motorcycle in true biking tradition. Quite fitting being that the Chapter Founder Members received their 5 year Rally/Convention attendance badges.



Photo Left:

The second group of 5 on 3 bikes, left C/Ville at 04h30 and were faced with the cold front that came up from the coast. The weather changed to cold on route past the East Rand. Just knew we should have put in the cold weather liners or suffer without.

Unlike the first group the second group had a long stop over in Harrismith to refuel, sit down at the Spur, have Cuppa Hot Coffee and a good Brunch. Once warmed up again hitting the road to next stop being The Windmill and then onto Durbs.





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- THURSDAY -





West Wits joined the Sister Chapter West Rand for the Thursday afternoon/evening socialising & dinner. Some ordered from the menu while those that booked a braai on their entry forms enjoyed a chinwag around the braai. Many Convention members spent time gathering the info required on the "Fun Exercise". Music was supplied by the ATKV itself and some great oldies were heard that evening.

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- FRIDAY -

Group got together at the seating in the garden outside the Restaurant for breakfast & to plot the way forward for the day. The pre-booked Buffet breakfast was a great way to start the day.

After breakfast mounted the bikes & went on a run to Toti & stopped at the Thirsty Whale on the beach to have a few of cold ones.



f Then onto Warner Beach to Warnadoorne

Shore Angling Club's Pub opposite Coral Sands where Petro & Mark spent their Honey Moon & had a drink/shooter on the late Markie.



After lunch Allan & Nicky attended the 15h00 Ulysses SA AGM in the small Conference Hall whilst the chapter joined the sister chapter West Rand for Afternoon for drinks. At 18h15 the Durban Bunny Chow's were served

to those who had pre-order on the entry form.







From 18h00 it was Party Time till late with a live band "Let it Be" followed by DJ Rick.

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- SATURDAY -





Saturday after breakfast the group decided

to go pay a visit to "The Terrance Restaurant" just outside Natalia's gate. Well, we had an experience in the plant section. A few decided to purchase some "special gums" to test them. Well the outcome of that would only be experienced a while later. Watch this space.....

After viewing the "Special Plants" the group went down to the garden bar & had some wet ones to quench the thirst. Then Beatrix

took a Trike for a test drive. The first sign of what was to come.....





The little chewy GUM that was the cause of



Leaving "The Terrance Restaurant" the group had planned to go to the beach to wet their feet in the sea. Swimming was banned due to high levels of unhealthy bacteria in the ocean.

Arrived back at site & sat down for some liquid to drink when the "Special Chewy Gummy" kicked in some and the giggling commenced. Word of Warning -

stay away from the Durbs Chewy Gums.....



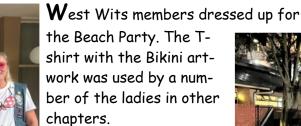
After lunch Nap Time before the evening banquet & to get dressed in the Convention Theme of "Beach Party".



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- SATURDAY GALA DINNER -















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SATURDAY GALA DINNER.







The Gala Dinner: Main Course & Desert







To those Chapter Members who couldn't make it this year - You were truly missed.









And then all good things came to a abrupt end and 06h00 Sunday set off on the long ride home. Leaving in awesome weather but later could saw the weather ahead was changing. It was wind and rain from around Harrismith to C/Ville. However all Members reported Home Safe.

The next being the 2024 Convention will be hosted by Klerksdorp Chapter at a venue still to be announced.

So as Stephanie had written "My wish is that West Wits will rule the 2024 convention with our attendance (Our numbers may be small, but our spirit is big!), so Sean I will ask your boss for leave neh! Gert and Petro, just no excuse! Andries and Manda, also no excuse! Johan and Therese..... Johan ek reel vir jou die sieknota ok!"

Therefore lets aim to make 2024 Convention a 100% Attendance.

Out & About

2023 MOTHER'S DAY

On the 14 May 2021 just before 12h00 on Mothers Day, Trudie & Stephanie paid an unexpected visit to The SAVF Harmony House so as to surprise the House Mother with some Mother's Day Gifts.





Family Visit:

Andries & Manda, our chapter's Country Members, got in some biking with Family [daughter & Son-in-law] namely Anandrie & Allbert who were down at the West Coast visiting.

Mother's Day Lunch at Muuibosskern Open Air Restaurant situated along the R365 north of Lamberts Bay.







Day Jols & Kallies Ect.

POTCHEFSTROOM MOTORCYCLE EXPO 4 June 2022 (08:00 – 16:00)

Venue: Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk Suid, 86 Chris Hani Street, Potchefstroom 2531.

VISITORS:

Entrance: R30 per person with adequate parking; : If they are in nappies, it's free

Numerous Vintage, Veteran and Classic motorcycles are on display.;

Entertainment - There will be a cash bar, live music, barbecue, food stalls, motorcycle related stalls, Children's Entertainment and much more;

Motorcycle rides available. Motorcycle sales: Come to buy and bring to sell.

PARTICIPANTS:

All participants receive two free admission tickets.

Online entries at www.pmcexpo.co.za before 20 May 2022. Limited entries will be allowed. All types of motorcycles are welcome to enter; (Cruiser, Sport, Touring, Classic, Vintage, Standard, Dual purpose, Scooters etc.)

Market stalls available (R300 / 3 x 3m); Motorcycles can be offered for sale with a voluntary donation to the church of the sale amount.

Certificates for all Category Winners;

This is an ideal opportunity for motorcycle enthusiasts!! See you there!!!

For more details contact Geo Smit on 082 800 7342 or Willie Mynhardt 082 320 1633 / email: potchexpo@gmail.com





Day Jols, Kallies Etc







Meetings / Kallies

Local Day Jols

Jan	28-Jan-2023	Crusaders Die Hard Jol
Feb	04 Feb 2023	WRBA Startup Jol
	05 Feb 2023	WRBC Biker Blessing Diens
	25-Feb-2023	National Meeting SANBCA
	26-Feb-2023	The Agency Breakfast Run
Mar	04 Mar 2023	Draconians Day jol
	25 Mar 2023	HA 81 Support Jol
Apr	01-Apr-2023	Naughty by Nature Day Jol
•	•	Victory Eagles Day Jol
	29 Apr 2023	UA (TRA)
		Soldiers for Jesus Blanket Run
May	13-May-2023	(WRBA)
	28 May 2023	The Syndicate Salvation Army Run

Jun	03-Jun-2023	Silent Soldiers Tarlton Jol
Jul	01-Jul-2023	Wild Breed Fever Jol
	29-Jul-2023	НА (ТВА)
Aug	05-Aug-2023	Stingers Potjie Jol
	14-Aug-2023	African Gladiators Day Jol
Sep	09-Sep-2023	Tanaz Mcc Day Jol
	30-Sep-2023	K9 Riders Day Jol
Oct	07-Oct-2023	Tudor Rebels Day Jol
	28-Oct-2023	Comanches Day Jol
Nov	04-Nov-2023	The Syndicate Street Party
	ТВА	Santa Run
Dec	31-Dec-2023	HA Year End

Miarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

10 Jun 2023 - Chapter's AGM & Social.

16-18 Jun 2023 - Whale Rally, Gourits Caravan Park, Gouritsmond, Riversdale, W/Cape.

28-30 Jul 2023 - Gemsbok Rally - Upington. Northern Cape.

24-26 Nov 2023 - Manda's 60th, & Chapter's Year Break-a-Way, Umfula Resort.

01-03 Dec 2023 - Poison Rally - Rustenburg Kloof Resort.

Smile a While

