



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

Sunday 02 August 2020

Level 3 of Lockdown

The Blockhouse R59 & Rossi Sport Bar



From Left: Trudie [Chapter Treasurer], Marius [Chapter Road Capt] Allan [Chapter Pres], Andries, Manda.
Yes, the morning sun was glaring brightly directly into the faces.

With Gauteng hitting a peak with Covid-19 there were only 5 Chapter Members keen on getting in a 230 kms Sunday Run.

Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 01 April 2020]

January

16 - Jason Doran

February

13 - Beatrix van Staden
20 - Mark Doran
24 - Hanelie Vermeulen

March

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

April

07 - Gerald van Staden
22 - Petro Nagel
29 - Marius Prinsloo

May

02 - Chris Jansen van Vuuren
24 - Valerie de Bruyn

June

06 - Nicky Oosthuizen
27 - Harold van Zyl

July

August

03 - Noreen Jansen Van Vuuren
09 - Petro Doran
18 - Sean van der Merwe
22 - Dawie Vorster
23 - Allan Ferguson

September

13 - Mark Westcott

October

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

November

28 - Manda Oberholzer

December

11 - Andries Oberholzer
23 - Mart-Mari Doran

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One Chapter member, Johan had early in week committed to join in with Ulysses West Rand for the Sunday ride which was scheduled to go the Irene Farm. [Photo on right.]



The ride group joined up at 007 Engen Garage in Carletonville from 08h30 to leave at 09h00 for the Blockhouse. The route being taking the R502 to get onto the N12, then turning off at the R59 near Alberton.

As the group took the R59 off ramp it had to stop due to an serious motorcycle accident in distance front along the sharp steep curve. After a while it was decided to follow the traffic and backtrack and take the N12 east to the next off ramp and then get back on the N12 going west to get off on the slip way ramp at the R59 going south.

Arrived at the Blockhouse Garage situated along the R59 and decided on a cuppa coffee before continuing on the ride.

Typical Covid-19 social distancing rules were applicable and every second table was blocked and couldn't be used.

Thus the group was rather spread out having their cuppa and rusks.

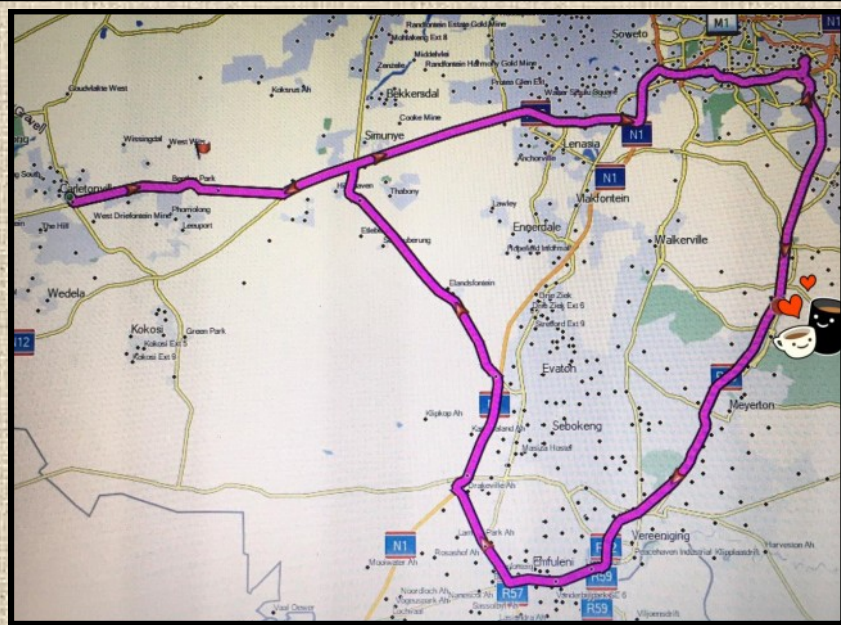


During Coffee, Marius made a suggestion that the group ride out to Rossi so a quick route was selected so as to go via Gas Monkey to Rossi. When we rode past Gas Monkey it was all Locked Up and looked deserted. Was Gas Monkey yet another Covid-19 victim?

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Arrived at Rossi Sport Bar, filled in the necessary Covid-19 doc at the gate and was allowed in to park at the back.

We were quickly seated inside away from others - good social distancing. Only 0% drinks were available so Heineken 0% and Sprite Zero and so large Beer Shandy was the drinks of the day.



The Planned Route for the Sunday Ride



What was suppose to be a quick stop over to wet the throat turned into a lunch break when Marius suggested we relax and have lunch on his account. Special thanks went out to Marius when even though all had wanted to and did try to settle their own accounts, with Marius winning the argument & settled the bill.

Marius had settled for the breakfast special [eggs, bacon etc] of the day whilst the rest ordered the steak pizzas to share which the waiter mentioned would take approx 30 mins due to the steak taking a while longer to prepare.

After lunch the group took a quiet run home and last reporting Home Safe at about 14h38 & Johan after his West Rand Run reporting in at 14h39.



Members Shared Some Fond Memories Spent with the Chapter.

Nick [Chapter Vice] & Valerie



2019 Ulysses National Rally: Was n great kuier gewees saam n klomp awesome bunch of ugly buggers, die braai waar ons almal saam gebraai het en die goeie gees om die tafel by die venue, lekker saam geswem by die onderdak swembad dit is net n bewys wat n great groep mense ons is ek glo ons gaan nog baie lekker tye saam he in die toekoms net jammer ons het nie die jaar n rally gehad nie, dankie aan elkeen van julle, julle is great vriende.

Gert [Chapter Sgt At Arms] & Petro



Our fond memory while with the chapter is the people and getting together with everyone and sharing good times, from riding together, our socials every month and the Annual Ulysses rally.

Mark & Petro



Joining the Ugly Buggers showed us how a bike Cub should be. Always taking into family and work commitments into consideration. The club has given Petro and I opportunities to do something together that we both enjoy. This photo reflects that when Petro and I rode our bikes to Natal over December, a first for Petro.

We wear the Ugly Bugger with pride and appreciation.

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Specs [Snr Road Captain] & Hanelie



This day showed us that we don't have to be together to be close.

Gerald [Road Captain] & Beatrix



One of the things that stand out for us was the Kings day jol in Potchefstroom, where Allan, Myself and Specs were on the table with the ping ball shake, what a sight that was.

We as chapter won the most trophies for the day. It was really a great day jol and even Specs that doesn't like day jols enjoyed that day.



Members Shared Some Fond Memories Spent with the Chapter.

Allan [Chapter President] & Trudie [Chapter Treasurer]



**2018 Ulysses Bi-Annual Meeting
- Clarens, Free State**



2019 Gemsbok Rally - Upington, Northern Cape

On the 14 November 2017 was the beginning of a new chapter in our lives.

Allan and 9 of us decided to break away from Ulysses West Rand and start up a chapter here in Carletonville, the name the founders decided upon was Ulysses West Wits, and so our chapter was born.


There were 22 founder members when Natcom Inaugurated the Chapter, and later 10 new members joined and lost five members who left our chapter giving us a current total of 27 members..

In the last two and a half years, we have had so many memorable moments, some which are close to our hearts are, Goudini Spa national Rally in 2018, Buffelspoort National Rally in 2019. Hoodlums Booze Cruise in June 2019, Gemsbok Rally in July 2019 and definitely the Poison Rally in Dec.2019. Our year end functions, firstly Die Busstop in Clarens in 2018 and then Modimollie Holiday resort in 2019. What an awesome time we had on both occasions.

Not only are we bikers, who ride with a Ulysses patch we are also a family, there to support one another through any ups or downs. We firmly believe in involving the children where possible in our activities. The Chapter's fund raising for the Deurgangs Huis in 2019 and the SPCA drive 2020, as well as the Church's Potjie challenge to raise funds for the underprivileged. The TK foundation raising money to assist a biker get up and walk and ride again. We look forward to may more adventures with our fellow Ulysses' family... when the Covid-19 restrictions is relaxed... Meetings, So-cials, Rallies, day jols and breakfast/brunch runs...

Yours in biking,
Allan and Trudie

Tips & Hints

<div style="text-align: center;">  MOTORESS TYRE SPEED & LOAD GUIDE </div>			
RATING	SPEED KPH	SPEED MPH	
moped	50	30	
J	100	62	
K	110	69	
L	120	75	
M	130	81	
P (or -)	150	95	
Q	160	100	
R	170	105	
S	180	113	
T	190	118	
U	200	125	
H	210	130	
V	240	150	
W	270	168	
Z	240+	150+	

RATING	LOAD WEIGHT	RATING	LOAD WEIGHT
50	190kg	62	265kg
51	195kg	63	272kg
52	200kg	64	280kg
53	206kg	65	290kg
54	212kg	66	300kg
55	218kg	67	307kg
56	224kg	68	315kg
57	230kg	69	325kg
58	236kg	70	335kg
59	243kg	71	345kg
60	250kg	72	355kg
61	257kg	73	365kg

Diarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

TBA - Chapter AGM & Social. Regulations ban all types of Socials & Group Get Togethers.

Dates of some other Day Jols & Rallies:-

TBA post Covid-19.

Smile a While

