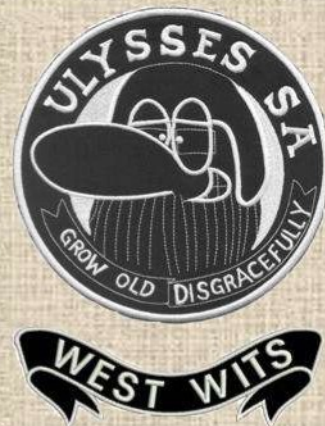




West Wits Ulysses Times

22 December 2021



Est. 14 Nov 2017

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

2021 Year End Edition.

With the end of 2021 on our doorstep we can look back at another horrible year of Covid-19 Regulations and alcohol prohibition regulations etc, reduced riding & limited Day Jols etc. The Chapter Rides were like a Yo-Yo, just as members started riding only then to err on the safe side and stay at home over the weekends.

Many Chapter members braved the pandemic and attended the 2021 Ulysses National Rally at Buffelspoort in May 2021. Members stayed either in Bungalows, Caravans or Tents. Some members brought their children with to make it a full on family weekend. Below is a Group Photo of all who attended the Rally.



Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 07 April 2021]

January

16 - Jason Doran

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
29 - Marius Prinsloo

May

02 - Chris Jansen van Vuuren
24 - Valerie Oosthuyzen

June

06 - Nicky Oosthuyzen

July

August

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

September

October

08 - Philip Van Rhyn
12 - Johan Basson
18 - Specs Vermeulen

November

24 - Marie Lombaard
28 - Manda Oberholzer

December

11 - Andries Oberholzer
23 - Mart-Mari Doran

2021 Year End Edition.

Highlight of the 2021 Ulysses SA National Rally was when the West Wits Chapter won the Best Dressed Chapter Award. Big appreciation to all the planning, sewing, getting the members to dress alike goes to Beatrix.



This just goes to prove that a Chapter does not have to spent a fortune to dress up. Just stick to the theme but ensure uniformity.



Then the next big Chapter event was the Annual Break-a-Way Weekend which was held from the 8 to 10 October 2021 at Umfula Resort on the banks of the Vaal River near Parys along the R500.



Chapter Members had booked either Chalets or Camping stands at the Resort. The Caravans & Tent groups being very close to the Chalets so the group was very close together.

This being a true family weekend so many of the younger members had brought their children along for the weekend. Total of 22

Members present for the weekend with only 2 members unavailable to attend of which one being a Base Manager for ER24 and on duty 24/7 thus tendering his apologies.



Saturday morning breakfast get-together around the Chapter's large 3m x 6m gazebo. There were 5 cooking points. Feeding 37 hungry souls was no easy feat but all talking stopped when the food was dished up - good sign for sure that the brief was met.



Growth of Gold Plus Membership



Looks like Santa got my list!



When the Chapter was inaugurated on the 14 November 2017 there was only 1 lonely Gold Plus Member in the Chapter, namely Allan [Chapter President]. But that lonely position didn't last for long when Harold [Ex Vice] joined the fold. Today the Chapter boasts with a total of 6 Gold Plus Members. [The 7th being Harold who left the Chapter.]

Year 2021 had 3 Gold Members move up into the Gold Plus Membership Category were namely:

- Nicky Oosthuyzen [Chapter Vice] on the 6 Jun 2021 - celebrated at a chapter monthly meeting.
- Johan Basson on the 12 Oct 2021 - Celebrated at the Chapter's Annual Break-Away Weekend.
- Andries Oberholzer on the 11 Dec 2021 - Celebrated in Orkney from Fri to Sunday.

Forward looking, next Year 2022 the chapter will have an additional 2 Gold Members moving up into Gold Plus Membership Category.

Guess Who?

A Tip: 1 being a lady will move up & join Trudie who has been rather lonely & the other a most disgraceful male.

A suggestion was made that the chapter should be looking for prospects in the age band of 40 to 45 to get some youth and energy back into the Chapter with the high numbers of 60 plus membership.



Once again the chapter as since its inception & inauguration, maintained the philosophy that it is not out to chase numbers but rather to source a good bunch of growing old disgraceful but happy like minded bikers.

2021 Year End Edition.
Charity Run 24 December 2021.
SAVF Harmony Centre



2 Corinthians 9.6-7:

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purpose in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful

Petro Nagel headed up the Chapter's Charity drive to gather money, non perishable food, clothing etc.

Members opened up their hearts & wallets by donating money, food, and clothing items. Petro co-ordinated the Charity Drive and collected the items and used the money donated to purchase items needed [Foodstuff, Clothing, Toiletry Items, Sweets]. Each Child had a personal linen bag filled with their goodies & with their name tagged. Also edible Christmas Goodies was purchased for placement on the communal table for all to enjoy celebrating Christmas.



Chapter members were invited to attend the handing over ceremony.

However due to the children being "Wards Of the Court" the Chapter held a very low profile visit by prior appointment which took place at 10h30 on the 24 December 2021 to deliver the "Goodies Bags etc" to the House Mother at the Centre. No photos could be taken of any of the children as per regulations.

Noelene informed the members that it was the first time in all the years doing that job that she had received support and donations from an outside group.

Marius had also donated a brand new twin tube washing machine to Harmony Centre.

Matthew 6:1-2:

1. "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.
2. "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Petro sends special thanks all those members for their support and thus making the Charity Drive for Harmony Centre a great success.



President's Message

Wishing all the Chapter Members & their families, our Chapter Friends & their Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Those of you travelling, made the Lord be with you & please stop regularly to refresh and stretch those legs.

Fond Regards & LHR



Diarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

12 Feb 2022 - Monthly Chapter Meeting - Dependant on Covid-19 Regulations.

Smile a While

