



West Wits Ulysses Times



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04 November 2020

[Lockdown Day 222]

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

Chapter Year End Breakaway.

Aldam Holiday Resort,
Ventersburg, Free State.
30 Oct - 1 Nov 2020

The long awaited Friday 30 Oct had dawned and the main group of the Chapter met up and left at 10h00 from the Checkers Parking Area in Carletonville for Aldam Holiday Resort in the Free State. This being the 3rd Chapter Year End Breakaway Weekend since its inauguration on the 14 November 2017. Even Covid-19 Lock-down level 1 didn't cause a reduction in the number of members who attended this year. In fact the Members & Family numbered 36 souls for this year making it the Chapter's Best Year End Ever.



Going towards the Aldam Holiday Resort one rides parallel to the Dam wall.



Photo on Right:
The entrance to
the Resort.

Photo on Left:
Just past the entrance
the convoy came to a
halt allowing for
Beatrix to climb out
the SUV to remove a
tortoise from the road
and place it safely in
the veld.



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

Chapter Year End Breakaway.

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Some members had booked into Rondavels, others towed their caravans, whilst others pitched & camped in tents. The "Camping group" had all adjoining camp sites so as to have one big party group.



Photo Left:

Andries & Manda's home for the weekend.

Rondavel veranda was the ideal place to sit and have sundowners whilst taking in the awesome view.

Photo Right:

A view from Allan & Trudie's home [same rondavel as in photo above] for the weekend.

Note the lovely large double storey Chalet & under cover garage also with a covered braai and breakfast table area to its left.



Photo Left:

Gerald & Beatrix's Ford SUV which pulled the Penta Caravan to site.

Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Photo on Right:
Allan, Chapter President, after unpacking the vehicle and moving the all the stuff into the Rondavel decided it was time for a Cold one before moving down to see how the campers were pitching tents etc. Please take note it was not a Coke Zero or a Castle Lite but rather a Real Beer.



Photo Left:
Philip's tent is up and he has some spare pegs to find a home for.

Photo Right:
The Doran family pitching their two tents & a Gazebo.



Photo Left:
The Nagel family helping to pitch their 3 tents & gazebo.

Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Photo Right:

Goats roamed the rondavel area as the grass was green due to regular sprinkling routines.



Photo Left:

Gerald & Beatrix quickly set up camp & one got the idea that they do this camping thingy regularly.

Tables, ice machine, wash-up facility with kitchen sink etc.



Photo Above:

The Vossies arrived and the observers [photo right] sat and watched them pitch their tents. Nice hey. But all in the spirit of the occasion.



Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Friday evening there was Boerie Rolls on the Menu for supper. All gathered around the braais that was



Petro & Mark

"borrowed" whilst those in the know duly braaied the wors & Vienna's .



Friday evening getting braais started .



Philip & Belinda



Gert & Petro



Gerald & Beatrix



Manda & Andries



Nicky & Valerie



Hanelie & Allan enjoying a cuppa coffee



Mart & Jayson



Wors under Gert's Supervision



For those preferring Hot Dogs

Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Saturday breakfast menu was scrambled eggs, baked beans, chicken livers, wors, sausage, bacon, bread, orange juice, yogurt and fresh fruit salad. Refer to Photos Right & Below:



Saturday after breakfast until the evening was "free time".



Catering for 36 hungry people is no easy feat and required good timing of what gets cooks first and what last so that all the food is cooked almost the same time and ready to be served as hot as possible. Last food stuff to be cooked was the scrambled eggs. Compliments went out to the Chefs for excellent timing. Once dishing up was completed there was an eerie silence around the camp site. The sign of a great breakfast meal it was.

Before Lunch time the heavens opened and rain pelted down cats & dogs. So for a lunch snack some opted to visit the Aldam Restaurant. Pizzas were very popular choice for some whilst a Aldam Cheese Burger for others.



Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Saturday evening the rain was still pouring and the group moved up to the Rondavel area where there was a kitchen & a braai lapa.



The weather was not going to stop the braai from taking place. The Recce ride on the 18 Oct 2020 is when the group made a point of seeking out alternative areas in case of rain. Plan B is must and always an ace up the sleeve.

Whilst the fires were going, Nicky, the Vice suggested that the Committee takes a moment to gather with the Members. Even though Covid-19 had its toll financially on the Chapter Coffers there was still a small Gift, set of Coaster in a box,

for all who attended the Breakaway Weekend.



Also with Covid-19 causing havoc with Rallies, Day Jols etc it was extremely difficult to select members to award a Certificate, but not to be undone there were 4 deserving candidates. Both the Pres & Vice took turns in handing out awards.



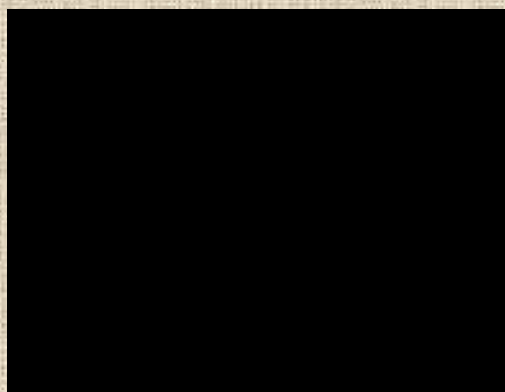
Petro - Queen of Long Distance
Riding her Harley Iron from Cville to
Amanzimtoti & back again over Dec
2019 / Jan 2020 Holidays.



Specs [Snr Road Capt]- King of Pot Holes
Hit a Pot Hole at High Speed,
smashing both rims
And never Dropped the Bike



Valerie - Most Courageous.
For never giving up.



Will be presented at the Monthly Meeting.



Hanelie handed Beatrix a gift from
the Chapter to thank her for all the
food for catering during the weekend.

Chapter Year End Breakaway. [Continued]

Just when the presentations were finished or so the Pres thought, the Vice took over and called Allan [President] & Trudie, [Treasurer] to come forward and handed each a gift thanking them on behalf of the chapter members for all they do for the chapter.



Wow - both were at a loss for words. Especially Trudie but that is another story for another occasion. Those present at the awards know the story. Hehehe. They thanked the Members for their generosity.

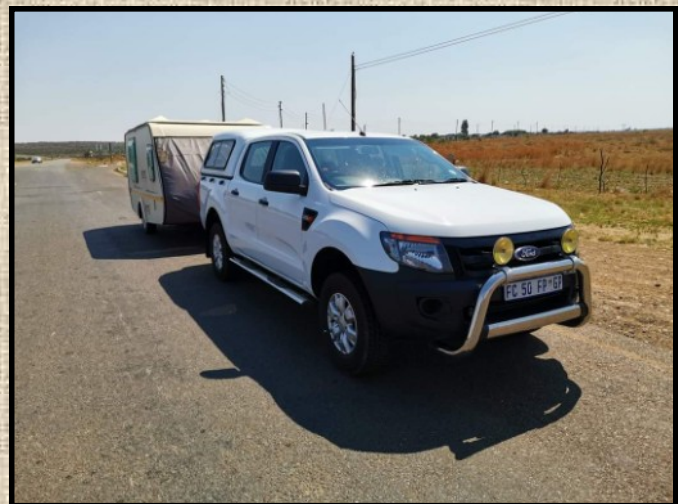
Then the food was ready and most dished up meat & salads and ate on site whilst some left for warmer place as the weather was really cold, wet & windy which was understandable.

Sunday morning it was still raining and the Campers had to pack up in the rain. But after packing up they had a hot shower and dressed up warm and went off to the Restaurant to have a prearranged and pre ordered breakfast which was scheduled for 09h30 sharp.



After breakfast all said their goodbyes and headed home.

Aldam asked Trudie to send them some photos of the weekend for their Face Book Page.



Charity Jols



It's that time of the year where the Chapter will ride on Sunday 22 November 2020 to Randfontein Rugby Stadium to support the WRBA Organised SANTA RUN.

As the poster states
"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN"

So if the bike is not running then
Get into your cage to join in
The ride

More details of times etc will be forthcoming.

Diarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

1. Chapter Monthly Meeting & Social - 14th November 2020. Birthday Bash.
2. WRBA Santa Run - Sunday 22 Nov 2020, Randfontein Rugby Stadium

Dates of some other Day Jols & Rallies:-

- 4 - 6 Dec 2020 - Poison Rally cancelled by the organizers due to Covid-19 Regulations
- 5-7 March 2021 - Beehive Rally, Greytown, KZN

Smile a While

