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

GEMSBOK RALLY - UPINGTON 25 - 28 July 2019

With much planning, bikes checked and serviced, new tyres fitted where necessary and then some last minute re-planning when a chapter member hit a family snag thus causing his suddenly withdrawal from the rally, the first group of riders duly setting off just after 06h00 on Thursday 26 July 2019 for Upington some 740kms away. Just note the dark winter morning background. The first group were riding directly to Upington with no sleepover.





Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 10 July 2019]

January

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

- 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
- 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

28 - Manda Oberholzer

December

11 - Andries Oberholzer

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The second group of riders also had their own set of snags. A Harley 883 just refused to start due to a battery issue. So that caused Petro to leave her bike at home and rode pillion on Mark's Harley Davidson Road King. It may have just have been some sort of divine intervention as the 883 don't have any grip warmers and being a naked bike was exposing the rider to all the elements.



From Left: Andries, Mark & Petro

The second group had planned to leave at around 10h00 to 10h30 on the Thursday morning and ride onto Kuruman where they would sleep over at friends leaving a short ride to Upington the following day. Mark & Petro rode off to meet Andries at the 4 Ways Stop of the R500 & N12 Engen Garage where after taking and posting a Photo onto the group Chat let out their clutches at just before 11h00.



They duly reported safe in Kuruman at around 17h00

Photo Left:

Having a cold one at Vryburg as the temperature had warmed up somewhat.

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The third group had planned to leave C/Ville at around 05h45 on Friday morning and ride to Potchefstroom to meet up with Johan and together ride through to Upington with the plan of getting there at about 14h00/15h00 as Johan, Gerald & Beatrix had to pitch tents at the camp site.





Beatrix & Gerald arrived at 05h40 to chase Allan & Trudie up only to find that their bike was packed and they were just locking up the house ready to leave at 05h45 as scheduled.

Gerald took the lead and off to Potchefstroom it was on a very icy cold winter morning. The coldest temperature recorded on the GPS Nav Unit being a freezing -5.5 degrees during the route to Wolmarantstad.

This group arrived safely in Upington at the Rally Site at just on 14h58 with just on 740 kilometres done on the clock.

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Concourse de Elegance Winners

Standard: - Emmie Kok BUSA 2018

Standard Custom: - Deon van Tonder 2008 GOLD-

WING.

Full Custom: - Barend de Graaff VW 3 Wheeler.

Best Busa: - Hannetjie Swart 2012 Busa.

Best Vintage: - Morne van der Merwe 1982 Honda.

Overall wenner: - Morne van der Merwe met die 1982

Honda. Highest score in 10 years at the Gemsbok Rally.

The ride back to C/Ville was by mutual agreement split into 2 groups. Due to logistics, the B&B group which ate breakfast at the B&B before leaving and the on site Camp group which would stop along the route for breakfast.

The Camp group took the N14 road and turned of at Vryburg to go via N12 Wolmaranstad, whilst the B&B group took the N12. Last person to report home safe was around 17h30. All reported home safe.

MEGAFORCE CVILLE 2019 BOOB RUN Western Deep Levels Clubhouse 27 July 2019.

 \mathbf{W} ith 10 x West Wits Chapter members away for the weekend attending the Gemsbok Rally in Upington, it was some of those members and friends of the Chapter who remained behind in C/Ville who made their way to the Megaforce Clubhouse so as to attend the annual Boob Run. This was a great showing of support to local clubs.





From Left: Chris, Sean, Noreen, Philip

Noreen bumped into Peter who now is wearing the Hoodlums front patch on his cuts and is almost completed his route to a full patched member.

Great to see Ulysses Members following the code of associating with other biking clubs & their members.

The Chapter Members who attended the Boob Run were Chris, Noreen, Philip & Sean.

They took enough photos and posted them on the Chat Group so as to share the Boob Run trip with the Chapter.

Of course Chris & Sean just had to get to get a photo with the young gorgeous Shooter Bar Lady. Growing Old Disgracefully.



Chris & Sean with the Shooters Lady

Tuesday Pensioners Breakfast Run. Frog & Toad 76 Clinic Road, Muldersdrift 30 July 2019.

The Pensioners group meet up at The Dros opposite Key West Mall and rode off the the Frog & Toad at 09h05.

The manager had arranged to open earlier than their normal 10h00 time just so as to cater for the Pensioners group.





The group had shrunk down to only 7 pensioners for the run this week.

Coffee was quickly served and some had their coffee with the normal "Whaaa"

Allan excused himself early so as to ride and get to the Church in Newlands where he represented the Chapter by attending the funeral service of a fellow West Wits Chapter member's sister who had sadly passed away last week suddenly.

FROG & TOAD:

Details:

The Frog and Toad Restaurant and Bar is a Restaurant in a country setting, although only a few kilometers from Randburg, Roodepoort Krugersdorp and Pretoria.

It is Biker friendly with breakfast being served Sundays .

Open for Parties, Day Jols, Club Nights.

Live music most Fridays and Sundays.

Directions:

From the N14, take the Zwartkops/Randburg turnoff(Beyers Naude drive) turn right, the first tar road turn left, ride for 1 km, the Frog and Toad is on your left.

Tips & Hints

Motorcycle Counter Steering Refresher - just for the Rusty Rider

Counter steering a motorcycle is often misunderstood, but yet it the most common executed riding skill out there. When riding your motorcycle you already do it without even realizing the fact.

Counter steering is simpler than its counterintuitive nature sounds.

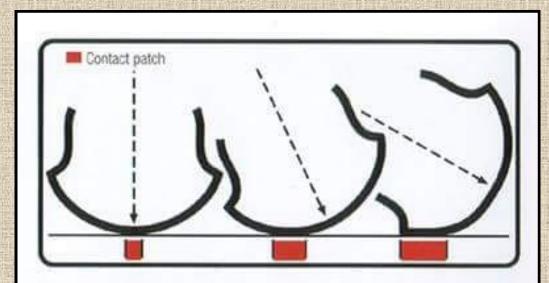
Go out to your motorcycle. Sit on it with both legs firmly placed on a level ground surface. Turn the handle bars to the left. Feel which way does the bike want to fall naturally? Yes, it falls to the right. Observe the front wheel and notice you're creating a point, with it on one side and the motorcycle's main body on the other. The motorcycle wants to fall towards that point.

Out on the road, if you've moved forward and you haven't hit every tree, car, pavement and building then you've been doing it along already. But subconsciously that is. Now with some conscious practice, it will definitely improve your control over the bike and the increase the speed at which you're able to turn a bend or swerve out of the way of a pothole.

Suggestion is to go practice in a large, empty parking lot if possible. Ride along at approximately 40 kph and give the handle bar on the inside of the direction you want to turn a little/gentle nudge forward. The motorcycle drops and you turn. Once you got the idea then nudge the handlebar a little harder. Then go out on the road and start incorporating that into your riding. There you go, you've mastered the art of the countersteering. Works for a bicycle too so those that have a bicycle feel free to practice it on the bicycle first as its could be a lot cheaper to repair than your prized Motorcycle should you fall. Tip = Wear Safety Gear.

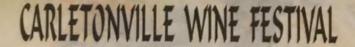
Double click on YouTube links to view more about Counter Steering. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLzB5oriblk or for the scientific bikers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLzB5oriblk

MODERN-DAY TYRES ARE HIGHLY ENGINEERED



Modern-day tires use a "multi-arc profile" (the tread profile varies across the tire) design in an attempt to get the quick steering of a narrower tire while upright and the higher traction of a wider tire at full lean. Notice how the contact patch grows as the bike leans over.

Day Jols, Kallies etc



DATE: FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 18:30

VENUE: CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

(SAFE PARKING & ENTRANCE FROM RUBY STREET)

PRICE: R80.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDING A WINE GLASS FOR TASTING

ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE: WINE, CRAFT BEER, INFUSED LIQUEUR, BUBBLY, GIN, OYSTERS, CHEESE FROM VARIOUS CELLARS AND EXHIBITORS.



ENJOY FOODS FROM:
PZAZZ PATISSERIE
ROUND TABLE 50 CARLETONVILLE
BILTONG BOX

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WRBA Jol Kalender	
Datum	Jol
2 Maart	Moths Poker Run
- 24 Maart	Blessing Run
- 30 Maart	Victory Eagles
6 April	Naugthy by Nature
26 - 28 April	Biker Fest Margate
4 Mei	Soldiers for Jesus
11 Mei	Commandaes
26 Mei	Salvation Army Run Syndicates
1 Junie	Hoodlum: Booze Cruise
29 Junie	Wild Breed
6 Julie	Wicked Wheels
3 Augustus	Scream
7 September	Red Heart Riders
28 September	Commandes
6 Oktober	Tudor Rebels
12 Oktober	The Crew
25 - 27 Oktober	Hoodlungs Rally
2 November	Syndicate Sidewinder Jol
30 November	WRBA Year End
6 - 8 Desember	Poison



Diarise Important Dates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

- 3 Aug 2019 West Wits Chapter Monthly Meeting & Social, Manda & Andries, Western Deeps.
- 14 Sep 2019 West Wits Chapter Monthly Meeting & Social, Trudie & Allan, CVille
- 1 3 Nov 2019 West Wits Chapter Year End Breakaway, Modimolle Holiday Resort.
- 8 10 Nov 2019 Ulysses Bi-Annual Meeting Gariep Dam

Dates of some other Day Jols & Rallies: -

6 - 8 Dec 2019 - Poison Rally, Kroonpark, Kroonstad.

Smile a Phile



A biker dad is washing his bike with his son. After a moment, the biker's son asks his father, "Do you think we could use a sponge instead?"

The hardcore biker saw a sign that said "Watch for Children" and he thought, "That sounds like a fair trade".

"No, thanks. I'm a vegetarian." is a fun thing to say when someone hands you their baby.