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

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The West Wits Chapter, this year,

had only two members representing the Chapter at the 2019 Ulysses SA Bi-Annual Meeting. Allan with Trudie riding pillion, let out the BMW GSA's clutch at 08h00 on Friday 8th November and headed for Forever Resort on Gariep Dam. It was a good +600kms from C/Ville with the weather looking like there was rain around.



View from Chalet at Gariep Dam.

Arrived for a fuel stop and bite to eat at Steers Shell

Ultra City in Kroonstad after having passed through a light rain but clothing having dried out by the stop. While having a toasted egg & bacon with a hot Cappuccino and got chatting to a Kroonstad Ulysses President, Willem Coetzee, who was awaiting Julian's arrival and to collect some regalia etc for the Kroonstad Chapter. Just on finishing the light breakfast we saw Ulysses West Rand members Jackie on her ZX14 and Peter on his BMW GSA arrived at the garage to top up with fuel etc.

Allan & Trudie left Kroonstad for Bloemfontein as the next stop to stretch the legs, get the blood flowing and quench the thirst. Allan decided the GSA didn't need refuelling and that the tank would get to Gariep with plenty to spare. Ouch, bad decision as later the wind was going to pick up strongly, would join a Ulysses Rider Group and fuel usage was going to go crazy.

After leaving Bloemfontein for Gariep, the wind picked up from a strong side wind to very strong and gusting side winds. Just when Allan thought that he had experience it all over the years a new challenge appears to test him 2 up on the bike. When the other Ulysses bikes came past it was time to open the throttle a wee bit more and joined at the back of the group. After an hour riding in formation Allan slacked off as the fuel indicator informed him that he could cover a range of 80kms but the next garage was 105 kms away. Crept into the garage at Gariep and found their was still 2 litres spare petrol still in the tank.

Birthday CALENDAR

[Updated 13 September 2019]

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

- 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
- 23 Mart-Mari Doran

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Checked into Gariep Forever Resort just after 14h00. Collected the Chalet's key and meet up with Julian to collect the goodie envelope containing the Badges, Meal Tickets etc.



After parking the bike under cover and unpacked, discovered that Julian & Alan from Joburg North were our neighbours in Chalet next door.

Open plan Lounge, Dinning and Kitchen

After all was sorted in the Chalet it was time to go to the Restaurant and Lounge area to see whose all there and to have a cold one.



The veranda lounging area was filling up with Ugly Buggers and so the party had started with all chinwagging whilst waiting for the evening braai.



Trudie decided that due to the extreme winds she needed some Extreme Drink to settle her nerves and aches and pains. Trudie had a large dark bruise under her right side of the chin caused from the Helmet Strap and the pulsating gusting of the wind.

Joined the Durban Chapter Table and caught up on info and discussed the plans to attend the 2019 Poison Rally.

The signal came in that the Braai food was ready at the Boma Site and all wondered off in that direction.

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The resort had braaied Karoo Lamb, Wors served with pumpkin dumpling, pap & sauce, green salad. Pudding was Malva & Custard. A cash bar was at the Boma site. Drinks were inflated as 2 x savannah lights cost R60. The setting and ambiance was awesome and members moved around chatting. At 22h00 slipped out to ride back to the Chalet.



The resort has water sprayers watering the lawns and a number of times the Ugly Buggers riding there bikes around got ambushed by the sprayers. The photo on the right showing how beautiful and green the lawns are inside the resort.





Fire inside the Boma



Breakfast [photo left] was served every morning in the Resort's Dinning Room. Breakfast consisted of Toast, Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Wors or Sausages, with a selection of fruit juices.

After breakfast on Saturday morning all the Members went up to the conference centre to attend the Bi-Annual General Meeting. Delegates signed the register before proceedings got under way.

The meeting was shorter than scheduled but all the business tabled was discussed but without labouring on issues.

Even the National President commended the meeting for the time management this year round.

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A delegate under general had suggested that after the meeting that a ride group(s) be organised to go over the river into the Northern Cape Province to the town Norvalspont where The Glasgow Pont Hotel was situated along the R58 & which has its links to the era of the Concentration Camp in the area where all the Boer Wives & Children where held during the Anglo Boer War 1899 to 1902.





Kurt from West Rand borrowed a pen and left the Ulysses 2019 on the ceiling of the Hotel.



The Ulysses Natcom getting ready for the meeting



The narrow single lane steel bridge over the Orange River



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Some Ugly Buggers ordered the lunch special being Karoo Lamb and vegetables whilst others just enjoyed a couple of cold ones.

Great outing was had by all.



Long Bar's Ceiling and Cornices well decorated by Patrons over the years



A nice ride back to the Forever Resort where one needed to wash and get ready for the evening Dinner in the Main Hall.



A Savoury Pancake Starter



Dinner in the Main Hall



Grilled Chicken, Roast Beef, Beetroot, Roast Potatoes, Green Salad.



Ginger Pudding & Ice Cream for Desert.

The servings were a good size and very tasty.

The cash Bar remained rather busy during the Dinner and an hour afterwards when the members went off to get a good nights rest before the long rides home on Sunday.



Trudie & Allan left Gariep at just after 08h00, stopping at Bloemfontein for fuel, Kroonstad & to stretch the old bones and then Parys for a bite for lunch and then arriving back in Carletonville at just after 14h00.

Yet another awesome Ulysses Bi-Annual.

Pensioners Breakfast Run
12 November 2019
"Name Withheld due to Issues"
Milderdrift

Cville / Fochville bikers meet at 007 Engen garage and let out the clutches at 08h00 sharp heading for The Dros opposite Key West in Krugersdorp.

Arriving at The Dros parking area to hear that the pensioners would be going to "Name Withheld" situated in Mildersdrif area.



Something major went wrong in the kitchen on Tuesday and as per photo it can be seen that 3 pensioners had just been served their food whilst others have long finished their meals. Just Not Acceptable....

As one pensioner stated "It was a disaster". "Two & half hours waiting for the food to be served and which came out in drips & drabs". Three pensioners didn't even eat as they returned the cold food.

One can only wonder how owners allow such poor service in their establishments. If one thinks that each pensioner just might tell 10 fellow bikers who in turn tell 10 bikers of the bad experience then 1,500 bikers in the region would have heard and passed the negative message onto their club members and then many thousands would here about the bad service and inedible food and would avoid the place like a plague. But in defence this establishment in the past under a different management had been a good experience and that's why it was chosen for another visit. As another Pensioner remark "Hope we never go there again." Another remarked "This time round they had egg on their face".

All reported home safe.

Day Jols, Kallies etc









We only ask that participants refrain from alcoholic beverages during the event. Let us all make a difference.

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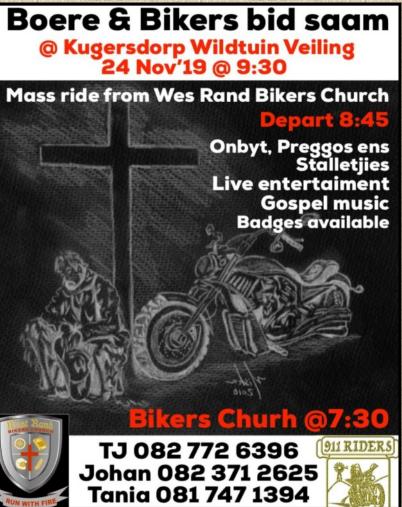
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WRBA Jol Kalender	
Datum	Jol
2 Maart	Moths Poker Run
24 Maart	Blessing Run
- 30 Maart	Victory Eagles
- 6 April	Naugtlyy by Nature
26 - 28 April	Biker Fest Margate
4 Mei	Soldiers for Jesus
11 Mei	Commandres
26 Mei	Salvation Army Run Syndicates
1 Junie	Hoodlums Booze Craise
29 Junie	Wild Breed
6 Julie	Wicked Wheels
3 Augustus	Serean)
-7 September	Red Heart Riders
28 September	Commandos Cancelled
5 6 Oktober	Tudor Rebels
12 Oktober	The Crew
25 - 27 Oktober	Hoodkury: Rally
2 November	Syndicate Sidewinder Jol
30 November	WRBA Year End
6 - 8 Desember	Poison

The Santa Run is a WRBA event arranged by the WRBA Committee & that's why their contact details can be found the Flyer.



Please diarise this Santa Run as your support would be surely appreciated.

Miarise Important Mates

A few important Chapter Dates to diarise:-

14 Dec 2019 - Social to close year off. Venue TBA.

15 Dec 2019 - Gerald's Plan Ride to Lovers Rock & Brauhaus am Damm, then home.

Dates of some other Day Jols & Rallies: -

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

3 - 5 April 2020 - The Buffalo Rally, ATKV, Hartenbos, Western Cape.

21 - 24 May 2020 - 22nd National Rally - ATKV Klein-Kariba Bela Bela.

TBA - 2020 Ulysses Whale Rally, Hartenbos, Western Cape.

31 July - 2 Aug 2020 - Gemsbok Rally, Upington.

Smile a While



AGEING:

Aging gracefully is just like a nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

You're old enough to remember when emojis were called "hieroglyphics."

