

Natal Classic Motorcycle Club

Breakfast run to the Chiefs Cabin Pub and Grill

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To quote Robbie Burns, "The best laid plans o' mice or men oft' gang agley".



Part of the interesting maritime memorabilia on the walls of the Chiefs pub and Grill

For the past month we experienced rain on an almost daily basis and approaching the day of our run to the Chiefs Cabin Pub and Grill at Clansthal it looked as though the event would have to be cancelled.

But, miraculously, the weather cleared for the day for our run.

Then, we were presented with a mammoth challenge. In spite of careful planning it was brought to our attention that there was a cycle race on the day which covered routes through Pinetown, the M19, the M7, Edwin Swales Drive, Bluff Road, Marine Drive, South Coast Road, Prospecton and 'Toti, pretty well the whole damn city!

The resulting road closures made it all but impossible for inland members making their way to the club. But, we were not going to let a few cyclists get in the way! We eventually came up with a solution, which sadly necessitated chopping out a large section of our planned run. There were no other options.

In the days preceding the event there was much phoning of any prospective riders we could think of. Only four members started from the club and they made their way to the old Airport where they met up with the inland guys. From there we took the freeway to the Doonside turnoff and all stopped at the Warner Beach School to regroup. This put us on the old coastal road as originally intended and it was a leisurely ride to Clansthal, picking up Ray Nell on the way.

The Chiefs Cabin offered a choice of breakfasts and there was a bar for those who were in need of liquid refreshment. The breakfasts took a while to materialise and some were close to fainting by the time it did! This is a most interesting venue with photos, press cuttings, maritime antiques and maps of the numerous shipwrecks which have taken place off the South African coast. Sadly far too many wrecks to count!

Seventeen members on fifteen bikes and one car made the run. Only Malcolm Ball experienced a minor problem with the clutch on his Matchie. Some parking lot repairs quickly sorted out the problem.

The return run was mostly uneventful with the exception of some road closures which were still in place.

Some of the bikes on the run were:

BMW 1000 CS, BMW 650 – Dakar, BMW 850 (x2), Harley Davidson 883 sportster, Honda CX 500, Honda VT 750, Matchless 650, Moto Guzzi 1000, Suzuki 500, Suzuki GS 450, Yamaha SR 500.

Our next run in December is still to be planned. Any volunteers?



Our members taking up the whole of the veranda waiting patiently for their breakfasts



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Our man Corrie...what a fine figure (considering his age!!)



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Some of our fifteen mounts parked in the shade