



## CMCN Breakfast Run To Mid Illovo Sunday 17 November 2013.

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As Sunday 17 November dawned it was clear we were in for a glorious sunny day. Many doubted that the planned run to the Farmers co-op hall in Mid Illovo would actually take place as it had rained heavily over the previous three days.

Some of the contingent met at the clubhouse at 07:30 for a prompt departure at 07:45. They met up with the rest of the gang at the old Louis Botha airport glide off to the N2 at 08:00. This section of road was barricaded off following the closure of that airport and has plenty of room to meet and glide on safely to the freeway.

Graham Palmer, the main organiser of this run, did a quick count up and phoned ahead to give the number to the folks at the co-op who were already hard at work preparing for our arrival. Some folks had decided to take their cars and include some family members. In total there were twenty six for breakfast – a good turnout.

The initial part of the Umbumbulu road has houses on both sides of the road and quite heavily populated, requiring that we rode with caution. Soon however the houses thinned and the road opened up, much of which had been recently re-tarred. The roads allowed frequent opportunity to overtake with some great curves, straights and hills. It was a motorcyclist's dream come true.

Our hosts were anticipating our arrival at the co-op hall and we were guided to park our bikes on the now redundant tennis courts. Just as well as the lawns were still saturated from the heavy rains.

The veranda and part of the hall had been neatly laid with tables and in the far end was much activity where most of the breakfast was being cooked.

We were offered two choices - an all up breakfast at R60 and a half breakfast at R30. Most opted for the R30 version as that consisted of eggs, bacon, tomato, chips, fruit juice, cereal or homemade ground mealie meal and coffee or tea. Imagine what the R60 affair consisted of!

Following the breakfast many opted to ride to the nearby stone church, the second oldest in the area at over a hundred years. The church is situated on a hill overlooking some beautiful scenery.

All in all a great day was had by all. It was unanimous that we repeat the exercise sometime soon. In fact many felt that it should become at least an annual event. Great breakfast, great company, great hosts, great country scenery and most importantly some great roads to ride our motorcycles on. What more do you want?

Our sincere thanks to Hylton, Brenda and Mike and the other many able bodies who put in so much effort to make the day a great success. And, of course, our thanks to Graham Palmer for taking the lead and making it all possible.

On a lighter note, one of our members on route to the club decided to fill up his bike with petrol. Wise move! However, once the bike was full and it came to paying he discovered that he had left his wallet behind. After much negotiation the petrol attendant agreed to accept his rather expensive cell phone as collateral. Sadly the member concerned had to leave the breakfast earlier than the others and make his way home to collect his wallet so that he could settle the account and retrieve his cell. Of course we will not mention the name of this member other than to say he is a most senior member of the CMCN committee!



*Our bikes parked on the old tennis court*



*Two of the able bodied helpers frying eggs and tomato at the far side of the veranda.  
The kitchen was also in full swing!*



*Fresh apple and orange juice was on hand as we arrived.*



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*All the warmers at the ready.*



*There was much interest in the AA gun out front*



*That lovely stone church on the out skirts of Mid Ilovo (some 3 Km from the farmers co-op hall).*