



Breakfast run - Saturday 10 August, 2013. (By Theo Alberda)

The breakfast run for August was planned to coincide with the VSCC in Pietermaritzburg's Motorcycle day. The days leading up to the run were miserable with rain and a really cold snap. On the day there was still some light rain in areas but the sun was starting to show itself. It was still very cold however.

Because of the weather we expected a really low turnout but much to our surprise thirteen hardy riders pitched up at the Kloof Engen garage at the agreed time of 08 30. Our numbers were again bolstered by a few of the Royal Enfield folks and it was great to have them join us.



A line-up of the early birds that arrived at the Kloof Engen garage

The route was carefully planned by Graham Palmer and Bryan Hinks. Departure from the Engen garage was prompt at 09 00. The ride took us to the Shongweni turn off and then right to Botha's hill through Camperdown and then on to Van's for breakfast. Prior arrangements had been made with Van's with a request from us for a good breakfast and a quick turnaround and they certainly delivered. A good breakfast of eggs, bacon sausage, tomato, toast with tea or coffee and all for R 35.

After leaving Vans the route took us on the back road towards Baynesfield and at the intersection we took the right turn taking us into Pietermaritzburg on a road behind the VSCC. This was an excellent run as the roads were quiet and the maximum speed limit of mostly 80 Km in places was suitable to cater for the slower bikes.



Our CMCN bikes lined up at the VSCC...but where are the other bikes as expected on the day dedicated to Motorcycles?

We arrived at the VSCC just after 11 00 AM about the time that the old cars started rolling in. But something was not right...there were no other motorcycles present. This, on the clubs Motorcycle day? It turned out that we had arrived a month early! How was this possible? Seems our Chairman Rod had misinformed us!. Rod insisted that Stuart Anderson had given him the date of 10 August for the VSCC motorcycle day and was therefore to blame for this debacle!! Stuart Anderson could not be reached for comment!

So, where to from here? Next month Graham and Dave Stone had planned a north run. This might have to be postponed so that we can support the VSCC. Actually, this run was far from a hardship and everyone commented on what a great ride and breakfast it was. The September breakfast run will be decided before the next main meeting.



Grahams facial expression says it all...He had just discovered that we had arrived a month early for our breakfast run to the VSCC Motorcycle day! This day was actually the Pietermaritzburg's clubs AGM.