



Breakfast run - Sunday 12 May, 2013. (By Alan Young and Theo Alberda)

Natal Classic Motorcycle Club Members' response to the Breakfast run Questionnaire was partially implemented on Sunday 12 May when 11 members gathered at the clubhouse on 9 solos with 2 pillion riders. It was great to have Mike Mathews back after his holiday in the UK.

From the feedback we received to the questionnaire on breakfast runs it was clear that our clubs members wanted to reintroduce some of the protocols used in days gone by. With these in mind;

- A backup trailer was on standby for any breakdowns,
- emergency cell numbers were given to all and,
- A tail-end Charlie was nominated to ride at the back of the field.

So, breakfast run protocols are being implemented and once all feedback from the questions has been thoroughly analysed the details will be published in the in the newsletter and put on the notice board. Hopefully, the lessons learnt, and implemented, from this this will encourage more members to take part in the runs.

After 2 days of heavy rain we were greeted by a beautiful windless sunny day; perfect biking weather.

The nine bikes left the club at 8.15 am and headed down the coast on the old road. The secondary roads through Prospecton, Athlone Park, Amanzimtoti, Doonside, Warner Beach and Winklespruit were rather quiet and ideal for the run.

The first stop was the Illovo Nursery where there was a choice of breakfast menus to suit all appetites and wallets. The Mom's even getting a Mother's Day small treat. After satisfying the inner man we headed off to Umkomaas and stopped for a short break and natter at the beachfront parking taking in the view of the beautiful surf. Then it was off home on the same route. Most returned to the club where Mike Mathews opened the bar for a quick frostie to round off the morning.

Of the nine bikes on the ride, 5 were Japanese, 2 were BMW, 1 Harley and 1 modern Triumph and none was older than 1980. Interesting sign of the times!

As expected, with the more modern classics, there were no breakdowns but it was comforting to many knowing that the trailer was available at short notice as even the most reliable bikes can suffer a puncture! It was also agreed that should any bike break down then two of the accompanying riders would wait with the breakdown until the trailer arrived and the bike was loaded.

Thank you to Ray Nell for carefully reviewing the route to ensure the bad roads were avoided and for making the arrangements for our breakfast with the Illovo nursery.

Thanks to Jill and Theo for bringing the club trailer and Graham Palmer for drafting the questionnaire and collating the responses. We are getting there!



The line-up of our nine mounts and some of the riders outside the Ilovo nursery



Some of our members about to enjoy their coffee while they waited for the breakfast to arrive!



Much discussion took place. However, Graham just visible on the right, was famished and is seen here praying for a small goat on toast .He had to settle for the largest breakfast served (eggs, bacon, sausages, hash browns, tomato, mushrooms and five slices of toast. He devoured his breakfast like a Hoover vacuum cleaner!



Theo does not support displays of affection (except on birthdays and New Year and then subject to good behaviour). But, on this occasion, it was Mother's day after all and he relented.