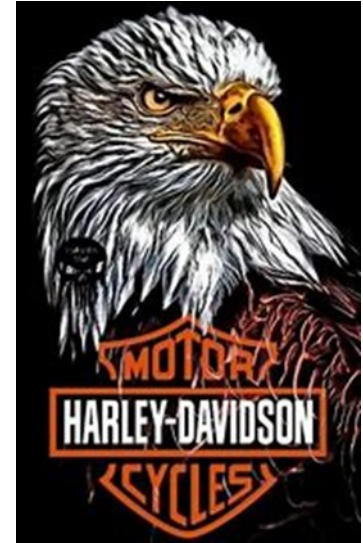




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Newsletter of the HOG Namibia Chapter



AGM 2023

A very successful Annual General Meeting was conducted by the HOG Namibia members on November 4, 2023 in Swakopmund. Including the proxies, the attendance was well over 80%, reflecting the continued interest of the members in the well-being of the Chapter.

A short recap of the most pertinent decisions made—

- ⇒ National membership dues for Full Member to be increased to N\$ 600 per annum
- ⇒ National membership dues for Associate Member increased to N\$ 300 per annum
- ⇒ Extra-ordinary meeting will be called in March 2024 to amend the By-laws with regard to changing the date of the Chapter's year end, bringing into line financial accounting requirements and AGM dates.
- ⇒ We welcome the newly-elected Primary Officers for the period 2023/2024 and 2024/2025
 - ◇ Holger Sircoulomb—Director
 - ◇ Vincent van Rooyen—Assistant Director
 - ◇ Tiaan Horn—Assistant Director
 - ◇ Natasha Rabe—Treasurer
 - ◇ Bertie Gagiano—Secretary.
 - ◇ Head Road Captain— Reinhard Redecker (November 2024)

Our thanks are extended to Natascha van Heerden and Skrik van Rensburg for their dedication and commitment to the Chapter as out-going Assistant Directors—but your work is not done yet.

The year under review highlighted many fun-filled activities and with the year planner of 2024 being enclosed (you can also find it on the website) members were and still are being called upon to participate in these activities. Remember, these are closed events and you may invite a friend along, thereby introducing them to the spirit of the HOG Namibia Chapter.

The AGM was followed by the traditional Poker Run and the members once again closed off the year with a social evening at the Altstadt.

See you in 2024—

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Special points of interest

- The SCR is our Flagship Rally, sought after by hundreds of Harley Riders in Southern Africa. Let's make it a huge success in 2024.
- We call to memory, our Past Director, Basie Oosthuizen at a memorable event

Skeleton Coast Rally 2024

Well, if word has not reached you yet (highly unlikely), then let it be known that the Skeleton Coast Rally is taking place from April 25—27, 2024 in Swakopmund at The MTC Dome.

Preparations are full under way and a great rally is planned. In brief :

- ⇒ April 24, - Meet and Greet at Joe's Beerhouse, Windhoek (early registration)
- ⇒ April 25, - travel to Swakomund, check – in and join the party at The Dome as from 15:00 when registration continues and bar/vendors open.
- ⇒ April 25, - 16:00 the Harley Derby in aid of Southern Cross Fund—you could be lucky
- ⇒ April 25, - party and dance till late night
- ⇒ April 26, - Leisure day (vrye tydsbestuur)
- ⇒ April 26, - join HOG Namibia for Tour de Skeleton Coast, where HOG members will take you to places of interest along the Coast, with a few specials along the way
- ⇒ April 26, - bar/vendors open stalls and party commences, featuring Blikweg as live attraction.
- ⇒ April 26, - auction in aid of charity
- ⇒ April 27, - Thunderparade and Outride briefing at 09:00 with kick-stands up at 09:30

and revel in the activities offered along the Skeleton Coast. Check out the special deals organized with service providers such a Tandem Parachute Jumping, Catamaran excursions, Desert Tours and much more



You ain't seen nutting yet

- ⇒ April 27, - Thunderparade through Swakopmund and Outride along the coast to Walvisbay, where we turn around at the circle and head back to Swakopmund. Riders great opportunity for oncoming bikes on Outride. Pull off at Erik's Cove for mid-morning refreshments and eventually make own way back to Swakopmund
- ⇒ April 27, - bar/vendors open at 15:00 at The Dome
- ⇒ April 27, - Bikes for concourse sign in at 15:00—judging commences at 16:00
- ⇒ April 27, - Harley games start at 16:00 (still negotiating with a Red Bull Stunt Rider as add-on or alternative)
- ⇒ April 27, - Music to commence at 16:00, we say our Thank-you's, hand over charity proceeds and slowly but surely make our way back to bed for the inevitable journey back home

Are you on board yet?

- ⇒ The Skeleton Coast Rally 2024 at The MTC Dome is open for registration to all Harley Owners and their Pillions.
- ⇒ Registration fee of N\$ (ZAR) is 1200-00 which includes an entry to our Raffle, qualifying you for one of the following prizes
 - ⇒ One of five N\$ (ZAR) 10 000 each
 - ⇒ Main prize of N\$ (ZAR) 100 000.
- ⇒ Registrations details can be obtained on www.hognamibia.com and follow easy steps
- ⇒ Registrations close April 7, 2024 to ensure receiving a T-Shirt, but late registrations are welcomed, thereafter.
- ⇒ Day visitors can pay N\$ (ZAR) 200 per day to join in the fun.

Skeleton Coast Rally Raffle Tickets

By now you will have received the WhatsApp, calling you, the members, to action. I must say, the response from some members was heartening, where quite a few immediately called for two booklets.

Traditionally, the Skeleton Coast Rally has offered, what is termed a “Village Party” which allows people other than those who have registered for the rally to enter the area where the rally is being held. The raffle tickets in this context, serves two purposes. Firstly, to raise funds for the massive prizes (see elsewhere in Newsletter) and secondly, more important, to allow access to the rally for those who do not have Harley’s, or have not registered for the whole rally, yet want to take part in the fun and activities offered. By doing so we open the doors to those who want to join the fun, but have means of keeping “gate-crashers” out.

The buyer of the raffle ticket, be it your friends, neighbours, or colleagues, are admitted for one day to the rally venue on showing the purchase of such raffle ticket. Once admitted, they have the benefit of festivities and activities as offered by the Skeleton Coast Rally.

You will be contacted by a Chapter Officer to solicit your cooperation in this regard.

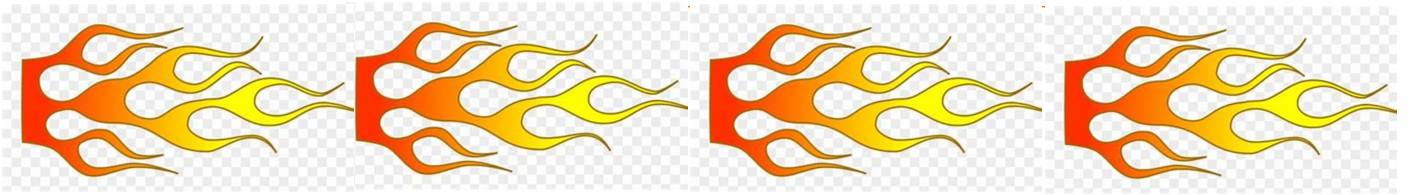
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Your Chapter Needs
YOU

We are asking you to sell 10 Raffle tickets @ N\$200 each to help make a success of the Skeleton Coast Rally. N\$100K cash prize!!! plus more...A Chapter Officer will contact you shortly

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Poppy Run



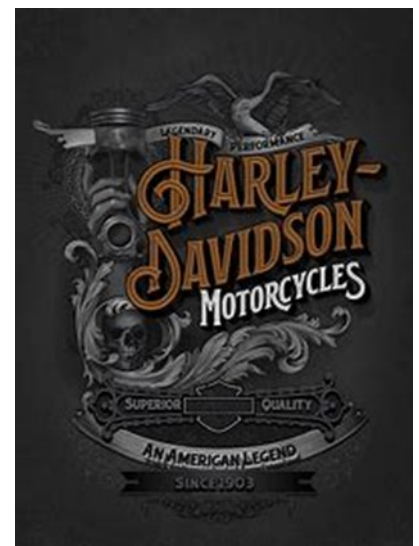
A new and honourable, all-bikers initiative was launched when the first ever Poppy Run was held in Windhoek

ing, given that this was a first time and not many actually had an idea what the Poppy Run was about.

The HOG Namibia Chapter invited Jodrene and family to accompany the Chapter to the event with the intention to place a cross in memory of Basie, our Past Director, at the Cross of Sacrifice. It was goosebump when close to 20 HOG members accompanied Jodrene with the cross placing, and calling to memory “Obie”. He will be remembered.

on November 11, 2023, Armistices Day. The MOTH, with the support of the HAMC and HOG Namibia Chapter set the wheels in motion and invited all bikers to attend the Poppy Run, an event where fallen comrades and/or departed friends and family are being remembered.

The response by the biking community was encourag-



And so the year starts off with a bang



The poster features the HOG Namibia Chapter logo at the top left. The main title 'Gypsy Camping' is in large, orange, stylized font. Below it, 'Windpomp 14' and '27-28 January 2024' are written in orange. A central image shows a tent in a desert landscape at night. Text on the right includes 'Bookings: 083 700 4414' and 'www.sunkarros.com/windpomp14'. On the left, it says 'You bring only what your bike can carry!' and 'Each Campsite has its own Private Ablutions, Kitchen, BBQ & Small Roof Shelter'.

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The Gypsy Camp is the first of many activities planned for the 2024 calendar. The Gypsy Camp is quite novel, but it promises to be fun.

Please refer to the event calendar for 2024 on our webpage (hognamibia.com) and set aside the dates which have been earmarked for Chapter activities.

Do not miss out on the first Saturday of every month at the OWC for solid fellowship.



And the winners are

After the AGM we had our traditional Poker Run—Five-Card Stud. Just glad that by and large, the riding skills amongst our members is better than playing poker.

We celebrated our year-end at Altstadt with good wine and food and amongst a



bunch of friends, enjoying the evening to the fullest.

Genevieve won the Poker Run with a "Pair of Ace" and the Odometer Challenge was won by Peter, with a total of just over 18 000 km for the year.



Wishing you and your Loved Ones, a very merry Festive Season, happiness in the New Year and plenty of fun-filled and safe miles in 2024.
See ya soon.

