

SPECIAL
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OF INTER-
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- Charter Day Celebration



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Save the Dates



It is, and always will be, the goal of HOG Namibia to create and maintain a Riding Club that aligns itself to the purpose of HOG International, namely

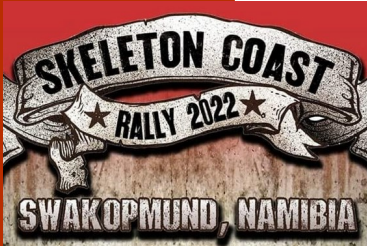
- To promote responsible Harley-Davidson motorcycling activities for HOG members by conducting Chapter activities and encouraging participation in other HOG events
- Activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with family-oriented, non-political, non-religious philosophy.

But we have to admit that the plan that is tabled at the AGM (or shortly thereafter), does not always work out in the way that we had intended to. With this in mind, please take note of and save the following dates:

- ◇ July 9, 2022 Beginners Safe Rider Skills training at the Tony Rust Race Track as at 09:00
- ◇ July 10, 2022 Advanced Safe Rider Skills training at the Tony Rust Race Trac as at 09:00
- ◇ July 23, 2022 we will be celebrating our Charter date (24 July) with a spit braai
- ◇ August 5, 2022 Meet and Greet new Harley Davidson owners
- ◇ August 6, 2022 Pack-riding skills (subject to interest)
- ◇ August 13, 2022 One-Nighter in Maltahoehe—Leather and Lace
- ◇ August 21, 2022 Marshall training at Bikers Barn, Windhoek
- ◇ September 3, 2022 HOG Namibia hosting a Bike Show (all makes of bikes) in an effort to raise funds for our Charity of Choice— **Ruach Elohim Foundation**
- ◇ September 10 & 11, 2022 Copper Ass with Omaruru as final destination
- ◇ October 1, 2022 Day of the Old Wheeler (where HOG Namibia should be present and assist, seeing that we are Affiliated members)
- ◇ October 8 & 9, 2022 “Winter” Knobel Run
- ◇ November 5 & 6, 2022 the Annual General Meeting

The above are activities are planned by HOG Namibia and maximum participation from HOG Namibia members is desired. It does, however, not preclude you from joining any other biking activities as offered by other RC's or MC's as representative of HOG Namibia. Have Fun!!!

The Rally that was



Over the weekend of May 5—9, 2022 the Skeleton Coast Rally was once again hosted by HOG Namibia and held in Swakopmund.

From the outset, thanks and appreciations are extended to the Rally Crew, who did a sterling job in organizing and presenting the rally—from all angles the rally was hailed as a huge success.

Many of our HOG Namibia members were there and will concur that the rally is not to

be missed in 2024 and, unfortunately those of you who, for whatever reason could not make it, don't worry, there will be a next time.

One of the highlights of the rally was the auction in support of the Swakopmund Township Dog House Project. With the generous support of the bidders, (ja Herman ek praat spesifiek van jou en Estee) a whopping N\$ 65 600 was raised and HOG Namibia Chapter boosted the income by a further N\$ 10 000, bring-

ing the total to N\$ 75 600. The funds are used to support local business in buying and assisting the project as and where needs are identified.



Our Charity of Choice

Having called for suggestions of charities which the HOG Namibia Chapter can support and partner with, the decision fell on the Ruach Elohim Foundation (Hebrew for Breath of God). Ruach Elohim Foundation is a voluntary non-profit organization in Namibia focusing on the awareness of baby dumping, as well as the care of unwanted, abandoned, abused and neglected babies. (You can Google them for further information).

It is all good and well to have identified a charity which we as HOG Namibia Chapter can support, but the big challenge is, how do we intend to support them? To this end, we are in the planning stages to host a "Bike Show" on the premises of Old Wheelers on September 3, 2022. All dealers and makes of bikes will be invited to show-case their motor bikes, merchandise, service, etc.—maybe even offer test runs and hopefully sell a bike or two. We intend to charge an entrance levy in the form of a pack of nappies, can of Nan milk powder, baby growth, etc and if you are empty handed, a minimal entrance fee of N\$ 50 (or thereabouts).

Shortly after the Bike Show, we will drive through to Swakopmund and hand over the donation.

Keep September 3, 2022, open, we encourage your support, spread the word in

the meantime and let's make it a memorable family fun day for all biker families



International Female Ride Day

The International Female Ride Day coincided with the Skeleton Coast Rally and no time was wasted to incorporate this event as part of the activities.

On Saturday, May 7, 2022 our Ladies of Harley—the Desert Roses, joined the Female Riders on the run and drove out to Eric's Cove at Langstrand, where coffee and muffins awaited them. It was meant to be a “morning ride” but it is being said, that some stayed till well after lunch.

The facilitators of the IFRD, the members of the Twenty82 MC, have given feedback as to the

event.

- 50 Riders participated in the run
- A total of N\$ 17 400 was raised via registration
- After expenses a profit of N\$ 8 612.50 is left in the kitty
- Permission is sought to host an advance training riding day for identified female delivery riders

In the words of Cindy Laupers,
“Girls just want to have fun”



July 24—Charter Day

Over the years, our Chapter has not really celebrated its Charter and we felt that it is time to do so. Scratching in the annals of HOG Namibia Chapter, the following introduction is on record :

“Whilst Namibia always had some H-D owners, albeit wide-spread and largely secluded, little effort was made by the owners to organise themselves into a group of Harley owners. Social get-togethers had always been the order of the day and the Windhoek H-D owners would meet at Parguel's Restaurant for a beer and an ad-hoc run. The Coastal H-D owners would meet on weekends and take a ride out to the “boompie” and feed the birds. All of this, however, very unplanned and unstructured.

With the perseverance of one H-D owner, however, more and more H-D owners were identified and encouraged to join the informal, yet social gathering, up to a point when all were in agreement that we should try to formalise the H-D owners into a recognised group. This was pushed by none other than Waltie Kleynhans, who also was to become the first Director of the H.O.G. Namibia Chapter.

The H.O.G. Tyger Valley Dealership from Cape Town had attended an Expo in Windhoek during May 2013, which formed a strong basis of H-D owners from across Namibia to get together and it was by this association, that the Tyger Valley Dealership was approached to request them sponsoring the H.O.G. Namibia Chapter. And thus it came to be that on July 24, 2013 the H.O.G. Namibia was registered as an official Harley Owners Group, comprising of 33 founding members

A legend was born”

To celebrate our Charter date, July 23, 2022 is set aside for a Chapter Social with a sheep on the spit. Save the date and keep an eye out for further information.





Newsletter for HOG Namibia Chapter

If you wish to contribute personal stories or anecdotes to the Smiles for your Miles Newsletter send your article to holger.sircoulomb@gmail.com (and you might be published)

Correspondence to the Primary- or Secondary Officers should please be addressed to the Secretary, Bertie Gagliano, at b.gagliano@gmail.com.

“Help ‘n bietjie, help ‘n bietjie, help ‘n bietjie daar”

We are glad that Reinhard and Vincent have their feet back on the ground again—literally. The booties are off and we look forward seeing you on your bikes (some have a new one) and on the road.

We also wishing Vlokkie speedy recovery in the hope that his battery (in the bike) does not run flat. Ons wag jou, Herman



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Irish Bike Fest

So, Kenlis and I had the absolute privilege to attend the Irish Bike Fest in Killarney, Ireland from June 3—6, 2022. Very much like the old Afrika Bike Week, but obviously in Ireland. It was a great experience. Apart from the music festivals, the ambience of 3000—4000 people at the venue at once, a test ride on the Pan American, the highlight must have been riding on Irish country roads on a Street Glide and doing the Ring of Kerry on a Harley. If only the Guinness did not cost € 6.50 (N\$ 108) per pint



Thunderdays 2023

