



Smiles for your Miles

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Little Black Book (for Network)

I wanna be a HOG

At the AGM, we promised you Smiles for your Miles, through maximum engagement; and engaging the HOG Namibia members is a priority. In the last newsletter, we asked the question of "What's in it for me?", as regards International Dues. But a more important question, of course, is what does HOG Namibia offer me for my local dues?

After having paid your international dues (yeah, we know it is tough at current exchange rates) and you opt to become a member of HOG Namibia, the Chapter offers you the following :

- ◆ You become a member of a diverse family with common interest to ride Harleys, for fun.
- ◆ You qualify to wear our Chapter Colours
- ◆ Attend our motorcycle training courses and pack-rider training sessions (no additional costs)
- ◆ Have four awesome closed events throughout the year and four one-nighters, loaded with maximum fun
- ◆ Make a difference to charities that we support throughout the year
- ◆ Meet members at the Old Wheelers every 1st Saturday of the month for a cold one
- ◆ Be part of our annual HOG Rally.

The **2022 Event Calendar** is attached to the mail, but in essence, the **four closed events** for the year have been scheduled (subject to unforeseen regulations, etc.) as follows :

- ◆ **Harley Games**
26/27 March (Otji)
- ◆ **Winter Knobel Run**
9/10 July (Whk???)
- ◆ **Copper Ass**
10/11 Sep (Oma)
- ◆ **Poker Run**
5/6 Nov (Swk)



Secondary Officers of HOG Namibia Chapter

Following the election of the Primary Officers, one of their first tasks was to appoint Secondary Officers to assist in ensuring maximum engagement for the members, We thank them for volunteering, slaving away in the interest of the Chapter and giving you Smiles for your Miles :

- Dirk Kleinschmidt— Activity Officer combined with Event Co-Ordinator
- Mona Kleinschmidt—Ladies of Harley
- Vincent van Rooyen—Biker Buddy (hier kom 'n ding)
- Membership Officer—Natascha van Heerden
- Historian—Holger Sircoulomb

Events Calendar 2022



The closed events as mentioned above, are of course for members plus one invited guest, provided he/she rides a Harley. But a little more detail as regards the other events.

Three Family One-nighters. Your family is invited—can either pillion or follow in car—as long as they join us!

Stampriet—“Hawaai”

Gobabis—“Marvel Comic”

Maltahöhe—“Lace & Leather”

The first Friday of every second month, starting February 2022, you are invited to join the new Harley owners at the **MOB pub** (venue MotoMerch/Biker Barn/Old Skool Bike Garage). Mingle with the guys and gals that have bought a Harley and, who knows, we may attract a few more family members to our Chapter.

We are committed to having fun on the road, but safety comes first. The first Saturday, every second month (after the MOB pub evening),

we will conduct **Pack-rider training**. This will allow new members to qualify for their Rocker and old members to sharpen their skills. After the pack-ride, cool down at the Old Wheelers Club, as per monthly event.

The major open event, is of course the **HOG Skeleton Coast Rally** from May 5—8, 2022 in Swakopmund. Registrations will close on March 31, 2022. Register at skeletoncoastrally.com

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY
TOMORROW IS MYSTERY
**RIDE & LIVE
TODAY**



Safety Tips

You are about to undertake a trip with your bike, all ready packed, and that nagging feeling in the back of your mind of “what if something goes wrong?”, keeps on popping up.

There is no point in losing sleep over a situation that you have no control over, but you can at the very least ensure that you have done what could be done.

So, before you take to the road, make sure your bike is in a roadworthy condition, simply by applying the “**T-Clock**” checklist.

- ◆ **T**—tyres & wheels. Check that your tyre pressure is within safe parameters along with the condition of your tyre tread. Check that your spokes are firm and intact and that the wheel spins freely.

- ◆ **C**—Controls on your handle, i.e. levers, cables. Make sure they are lubricated and not frayed. Check your throttle to make sure it is not too loose and that it snaps back when released.
- ◆ **L**—Lights and Electrical. Your brake— and taillight as well as your headlights are functional, as well as indicators. Check that battery is tight.
- ◆ **O**—Oil and Lubricants. Check fluid levels for your fuel, brake, transmission, (coolant). Make sure there are no fuel or oil leaks
- ◆ **C**—Chassis. Bit more complicated, but check the chassis for wear and tear; cracks in your chassis, such

as peeling or lifting of the paint work. Look for damaged, loose or missing clips or pins. Also check the tension of your drive belt

- ◆ **K**—Kickstand. Check your kickstand to see if it retracts properly. If the kickstand is loose when retracted, check the cut-out switch and springs for wear and tear.

There you have it. When in doubt let a qualified technician double check your concerns.

This simple safety check should give you smiles for your miles.

Safe riding.



Wheels on Fire



Harley-Davidson motorcycles were made to ride, and ride long distances. A few of the HOG Namibia members love to ride long distances, either in a small group or on solo rides—and we would love to hear their stories and share same with you. But a “long distance”, is of course a relative concept. Whether you do 500 km over two days or ride the HOG Namibia Copper Ass (or Iron Butt), it is the ride and your experience we are interested in. Send us a few photos, your story, and we will publish.

◆ Reinhard, Kenlis and Holger attended the Cape Seal Rally in Hermanus, with Reinhard doing the trip there and back, solo (or most of it). Small rally but great camaraderie and much wine.



◆ Ten HOG Namibia members took a ride down to the Diamond Run in Lüderitz early December 2021. Tough ride with heat and wind, but fun was had. We walked off with all the prizes—what did you expect?



That little “Black Book”

Being part of a group of like-minded people always presents the opportunity for networking and it is obvious that “the wider the net, the more secure you are”. Asking for help or providing support is then often only a phone call away. Nowhere is this more evident than in a bike-riding community. To this end we would like to share with you contacts that can be called upon when you find

yourself next to the road. If you yourself have such contacts, please forward same so that these can then again be shared with our members. Take the details down in your little black book, because you never know when you may need it.

When your bike behaves “odd” or even breaks down within reasonable distance from home, it is not so bad, but when it happens thou-

sand kilometers away from your garage, you have to rely on your network. So if you find yourself in trouble in Cape Town (or surroundings) and you or your bike need help, feel free to contact

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HOG Namibia
Chapter will
offer a
Marshalls
training
program, to
ensure that
safe riding
discipline will
be maintained

The HOG Namibia Marshals

The Marshal Corps of the HOG Namibia Chapter plays a critical part in the safety of our members, especially when we are riding in formation, e.g. during a Thunder-parade. But what is of greater importance is that the members must have faith and trust in the Marshals to ensure that their ride will be safe and hassle-free.

At the 2021 AGM, the decision

was reached that all currently appointed Marshals will stand down, i.e. that they re no longer appointed as Marshals.

New Marshals will be appointed following the Marshal training on 9 & 10 April 2022 and those members who have completed the Skills Rider Training (preferably the advanced course) are encouraged to attend this training pro-

gram.

Once the Marshals have been appointed they will elect the Head Road Captain, the Road Captains, and the Safety Officer from their Corps, where such appointments will be for a period of two years.

Let's ride safe.





Newsletter for HOG Namibia Chapter



We welcome our newly appointed **Secretary** of HOG Namibia Chapter, **Bertie Gagiano** (aka The Knobler) . Feel free to contact him with regard to anything HOG related at b.gagiano@gmail.com



Bertie Gagiano
with his **Ultra** in
the background



Mannie Manchen still
dreams of his **Road**
King, but is now rid-
ing a **Road Glide**—
lekker

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Skeleton Coast Rally 2022

The Skeleton Coast Rally is a HOG Rally, hosted by HOG Namibia Chapter and open to all riders of Harley- Davidson motorcycles. Register under

skeletoncoastrally.com

and join the fun of Southern Africa's biggest H-D rally. Registrations close on 31 March 2021.



We wish you, your loved ones, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May 2022 bring Smiles upon (safe) Miles.



"IT'S NOT YOURS SANTA, IT'S MY PRESENT.
YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO."