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- Pack-riding
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Smiles for your Miles

Many Miles

....since the last Newsletter, but then we have truly been busy, both as a Chapter and individually.

This, however, is still the platform for interaction and member engagement and we will continue to publish these Newsletters periodically, for you to enjoy and distribute to your friends.

So, what happened since the last publication? (At least it was in 2022)

- We had the Pack-riding skills and inducted two more members into our Chapter
- One-Nighter in Mariental
- Harley Games in Otjiwarongo
- HOT for Primary Officers in Parys
- Marshall Workshop
- Wika parade

Whilst much can be said about these events, the best would be to reflect the stories by the enclosed pictures.

Happy reading

Pack-riding Training

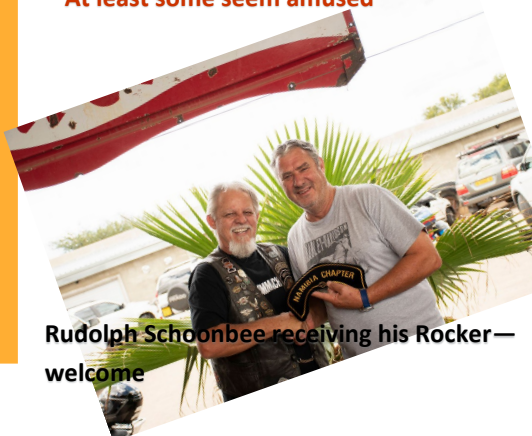


At least some seem amused

The Pack



Rudolph Schoonbee receiving his Rocker—welcome



Now we have two Herman's

The Challenge Coin



The origin of the Challenge Coin is varied and if interested, look it up on Google. The common theme of the Challenge Coin is, however, that the coin is a token of belonging to a group of people, who are bound by a common denominator, be it a military unit, an elite club, or a motor cycle club or association. Usually the coin is bestowed on the individual, but now-adays, these can be bought by members of the group.

Now that you have a Challenge Coin, what are the basic rules and what does it mean.

1. You must at all times carry the Challenge Coin and be prepared to identify yourself at the call of showing the coin.
2. You are allowed a maximum of four steps to retrieve the coin if it is not on you
3. You may not drill a hole in it and carry it as a medallion
4. Never hand someone your Challenge Coin if they wanted to "have a look". Handing it to them is like giving it to them. If they want to look at it, place it on the table. Anyone who wants to examine it may do so and is honoured-bound to replace it to its original location.
5. If you lose the coin you must replace it as soon as possible.

Mariental—a night to remember (or not)



Harley Officers' Training—HOT



Natascha and Holger attended the HOT in Parys and whilst the training was fruitful, and many new friends were made, the big decision at the HOT was that the Southern African HOG Chapters will establish an Associa-

tion of Chapters in the Southern Africa Region, replacing the erstwhile "HOG Africa". More details to follow as soon as these develop, and we may even have to call for an extra-ordinary General Meeting.



Challenge Coin continued

There are zero exceptions to the rules. They apply, whether you are wearing clothes or not (think ahead)

So now that you know what the Challenge Coin is and what rules apply, how does the "game" work that is always preceded by a loud bang of a coin on the table?

1. The rules of the game should be given or explained to everyone who receives such a coin. It is rude to call out a challenge if you have not broken down of how it works ahead of time.

2. The challenger must clearly state whether the challenge is for one drink or a round of drinks
3. If the person challenged fails to produce the coin, the challenge must be honoured and the drink (or round of drinks) must be bought
4. Each person can only be challenged once
5. If the challenged person (or persons) produce a coin, the challenger in on the hook to buy the drink (or round of drinks) Be careful whom you challenge

6. Dropping the coin on a coin call is a sign of dishonouring the coin and a round of drinks is obligatory, whether you were the one challenged or not.

HOG Namibia Chapter Challenge Coins are available at N\$ 400 per coin at MotoMerch or at the SCR.

Have fun



Some can and some can't



Harley Games with Manana and Enrique as ultimate winners

Marshall Workshop

On April 9, 2022, a HOG Marshall Workshop was held at the MOB, where the curriculum of Marshall training and standards of becoming a Marshall were brain-stormed.

This was driven by our commitment to ensure a safe environment and riding experience, where the Chapter rides in a pack. The attendees also elected the following HOG members as :

Reinhard Redecker : Head Road Captain
Colwyn van Rensburg : Road Captain
Grant Muller : Safety Officer
Vincent van Rooyen : Biker Buddy

Following the establishment of the curriculum and standards, further Marshall training and Safe Rider Skills will be presented throughout the year.

Congratulations to the elected members





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 Gagiano, at b.gagiano@gmail.com.



By the time you read this Newsletter, all arrangements for the Skeleton Coast Rally are in place and with an expected turnout of 300 plus Harley Davidson motorcycles, it promises to be a roaring rally, once again.

Our appreciation goes to the rally crew for their sweat and tears, but in the end it will have been worthwhile.

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WIKI Parade

After an absence of two years, the HOG Namibia Chapter once more, led the WIKI street procession down Independence Avenue with a roar of Harley-Davidson engines. The Chapter was joined by members of the Twenty82, Stone Cutters, Free Chapter Windhoek, and some Lone Wolves.



HOG Namibia Charity

The last Smiles for your Miles Newsletter called upon the HOG Namibia Chapter members to identify a charity, which we would take on as a charity of choice—specifically HOG Namibia Chapter. Given that there was not an overwhelming response to this call, the Primary Officers had decided to support the **RUACH ELOHIM FOUNDATION**. Ruach Elohim Foundation was established in 2018 and is a non-profit, Voluntary Association in Namibia focussing on the awareness and prevention of baby dumping, as well as the care of unwanted, abandoned, abused and neglected babies in Namibia. Ruach Elohim means “Breath of God.”

Having identified the charity we support, we now need to raise funds—any suggestions are welcome— let’s make it a success.