

AUGUST 2023



MEET ANDRE STEINMANN



As August is a very special month for all the ladies in Steelwings, it being National Women's month, we do however need to acknowledge the man leading the pack as August is also his Birthday Month!

Many of you know Andre as our National Chairman, but here is a bit of history of the man and his biking career.

Andre started riding bikes in Standard 8 (Grade 6) on Kawasaki KL250. He did deliveries for his uncle's pharmacy on a real pharmacy delivery scooter, big box and all!

During his career in the police, he often rode police motorcycles to catch and prevent livestock theft. In those days it was Yamaha DT175's.

From 2003, Andre had a Suzuki V Stroh 750. He later bought a Triumph speedmaster, which he still owns. The Triumph brought two members to Steelwings, Marcell Combrink and Andre Kinnear as they often used the Triumph to join Steelwings rides.

In 2017 Andre joined Steelwings on a Toy Run. Steelwings earned his respect with their big hearts and love of charity that he became a Steelwings member in 2018.

Andre's first Harley Davidson was a 2010 Road King and put about 15 000 km's on the clock. It is currently the bike that Dr Andre Hatting from Pediatric Care Africa is riding now.

Andre then bought a 2016 Road Glide that he used on several road trips and charity trips. He did 60 000km's on the Road Glide. He also bought a 2016 Ultra 110 that he rode during a trip around South Africa with Pediatric Care Africa. On the Ultra, Andre rode 20 000km's.

On 15 October 2021 Andre bought a Road Glide 114 in Cape Town, 19 months later, he has done 56 000km's on the bike.

During his lifetime, he has also owned a 1981 BMW R100RT and a 1978 Honda GL 1000 Goldwing, which he partially sponsored to Steelwings Lowveld to raffle out as fundraiser for the chapter.

Andre was the Vice President for Steelwings Sunrise, which later became Steelwings Lowveld in 2019 and he became the Chapter President. He was elected as Steelwings National Chairman in 2022.

As you can see, our National Chairman did more than 151 000 km's on Harley Davidson Motorcycles so far, not counting his other motorcycles.

On a steel horse he rides!

Well Done Andre and Happy Birthday National Chairman!

You only have one life, live it!



STEELWINGS LADY RIDERS

Sexy & Sassy!

This is how you can best describe these Steelwings Diva's!

They are made of adventure, intelligence, cuss words and courage! They are mothers, sisters, grandmothers and daughters! What makes them different you might ask? They are all biker ladies in their own right!

As August is considered Women's Month, Steelwings would like to pay tribute to the Steelwings lady riders.

There are 47 Ladies in Steelwings Motorcycle club that ride their own Harley Davidson's. Some ladies are new to the riding scene and some ladies have over 30 years of experience in riding a motorcycle. They each have a unique Harley Davidson Motorcycle and they are not afraid to get on their motorcycles and ride into the wind or even through rain or hail!

Steelwings Divas can only be described as WOW, Women of Worth! These women have grit and fire and steel in their blood!

To all the Steelwings Divas that can't imagine a life without Motorcycles in it, we salute you!









TWO PASSES RALLY

The Two Passes Rally at the Wilderness Resort, was held on 10 to 12 March 2023. This unique little rally has been in existence since 2007 and is organised by Steelwings Garden Route. This being a small exclusive Harley Davidson Owner rally where likeminded Harley owners share together for a weekend of fun filled relaxation.

Last year entries of 280 Harley Davidson riders was received. On arrival each rider received a Goody bag with great items that was sponsored by various sponsors.

Steelwings Chapters from across the country attended the rally and it has certainly become a rally for ones' bucket list if you have not attended one yet.



STEELWINGS NATIONAL AGM

The National Steelwings AGM was hosted by Steelwings Kimberley this year. Most of the chapters arrived on Friday where we were entertained by Hannah at The Kimberley Club Boutique Hotel.

Saturday morning saw the remaining chapters arriving and then the AGM began in earnest. A few selected Kimberley members were tasked with looking after those not attending the AGM.

Little did we know that the wives were the real party animals! They started with an outside to Crown & Royal Hotel in Modderivier, then to Occidental bar for further refreshments and snacks baskets. They ended up at the newly restored and reopened Starofthewest Kimberley, the oldest pub in Kimberley.

After they returned from their excursion back to the Kimberley Hotel and after the AGM finished, the party started afresh!

Steelwings National would like to thank Steelwings Kimberley for their hospitality in hosting the yearly AGM this year.



1ST RUGBY TEAM SUPPORT – STEELWINGS RUSTENBURG

On 11 March 2023, Steelwings Rustenburg supported the Hoërskool Rustenburg's 1st Rugby Team as they played their home match in Rustenburg. The tradition of attending the home games of the 1st Rugby team has been re-instated and Steelwings Rustenburg will be attending all the home matches.

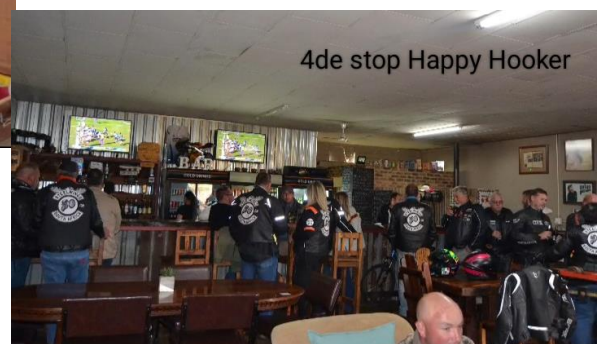


POTCHEFSTROOM POKER RUN

Potchefstroom held their Poker Run on 27 May 2023 in aid of Karoosig Old Age Home in Orania. Registration was done at "Vat 'n Bietjie" in Potchefstroom. The second stop was Thirsty in Ventersdorp, Diggers Inn was the third stop on the list, the fourth stop was Happy Hooker. The poker run ended at the Wild Boar in Potchefstroom again.

The day was very successful with attendance by Potchefstroom, Johannesburg, Klerksdorp, Hartbeespoort and National Steelwings as well as other MC's.

Chucky was definitely on a roll as the Joker for the day.



15 YRS



STEELWINGS KIMBERLEY 15 YEAR BIRTHDAY BASH

Any reason for a party is a good reason, but when your chapter turns 15, it calls for BIG celebrations. Invitations to join us for a moerse lekka party on 20 May 2023 was sent to all Steelwings Chapters. Not only was the event hosted in one of the most historic locations in Kimberley, but live music with Jakkie Louw and Pieter Smith was on the cards. Steelwings Garden Route, Harties, Klerksdorp, Ladysmith, Potch and Pretoria heeded the call and the scene for a highly successful day was set. Founding and former members were also invited.

The Steelwings Kimberley Chapter is in the fortunate position of having its club house in the historic Kimberley Club. The Kimberley Club was founded in August 1881 by leading men of Kimberley who wanted a meeting place along the lines of London clubs. Cecil John Rhodes was one of the founding members. The Club has entertained sovereigns, princes, princesses, governors, and high commissioners and has housed legendary figures whose vision and energy have pioneered new territories. On this special day, it hosted very important guests whose vision and energy were to enjoy a moerse lekka party!

Harley Davidson® Gold Rand travelled all the way from Johannesburg with demo bikes and merchandise to make sure that Steelwings purchased new Harley gear. They sponsored prizes for the lucky draw which left the winners smiling and ready to spend even more.

Throughout the day the 120 birthday guests could register and was greeted by the friendly Steelwings Kimberley ladies and a shot of Jack Daniels Honey (with the compliments of Jack Daniels South Africa). The bars remained busy whilst special Jack Daniel burgers, chicken curry with rice, and chips were available throughout the day.

A big shout-out to Steelwings Garden Route who received the prize for the Longest Ride. Steelwings Pretoria was awarded Best Attendance to the bash. Congratulations to Calvin Vermaak, one of Kimberley's own, for winning the prize for the Best Bike at the event.

Pieter Smith entertained the partygoers with sing-along-songs and exercised everyone's breath control by making them sing "Daar's 'n gat in die grond". His hits, Wilhelmina van Gezina and Stukkie van der Merwe had Steelwings on their feet and boogying like crazy.

Jakkie Louw's outfit took everyone on a trip down memory lane missing flower mattresses in varsity hostels. He took the party to the next level, and it was his energy and enthusiasm that ensured that everybody was dancing the night away. "Daar onder lê drie pikkewyne" will never be the same. I suspect he did not anticipate that bikers could party that hard (or did he?).

All this was possible with the kind sponsorships of Blue Gecko, Healthy Smiles, NTT Volkswagen and Kimberley Club. And now we can start to prep for the next celebration!





ST LUCIA BOYS TRIP – SW KIMBERLEY

First, we were 10, then 11 and then, on 15 June 2023, only 9 Steelwingers left for the St Lucia rally. It was a boys trip, no ladies allowed (a recipe for disaster...). The trip was actually a repeat of a similar trip we did 10 years ago!

Our 1st day took us via a cold Bloemfontein, where we met up with the guys from the Garden Route Chapter. We took a few sips of OBS (better known as Ou Boere Seun) and filled our tanks. The excitement was unbearable. At Senekal we filled up again, took a few sips of Jack Honey and sped off to Bethlehem. To our disappointment the casino's bar was closed, and we pushed through to Van Reenens where we stopped at the Green Lantern. It is here that we met up with the guys from the Ladysmith Chapter who took us to our lovely sleepover venue, Platrand Lodge just outside Ladysmith. As expected, we didn't really party that 1st evening and didn't really consume any alcohol. We really didn't have a good time, because we all missed our loved ones at home...(snik...snik).

After breakfast the group, which by now was much larger with our brothers & sisters from other SW Chapters joining us along the way, left for Nottingham Road Hotel. What a beautiful, historical place! After tasting the Guinness and some other "cool drinks", we left along the highways for the Salt Rock Hotel close to Ballito. By now we inlanders were excited to finally see the ocean and to be so close to it. We could barely keep on our bikes, but still had to travel more than 200 kilos. A pizza or two later and we hit the road again.

It seemed that some KZN ghosts were chasing us by then, because our Harleys were pushed to the limits driving at hair-raising speeds into St Lucia just before sundown. At last we reached our destination!

A well organised rally with great music and (again) excellent pizzas were enjoyed by the Northern Capers. Friday nights at rallies are always the best *kuiers* and we made our presence known on and off the rally site. The Saturday's games, food and drink arrangements and ride-outs were top of the class. A big thank you to the Harley Davidson Club of South Africa and the Steelwingers who assisted them in hosting this rally.

Our ride back was eventful, with a few battery issues, but we safely arrived in Clarens where we stayed at the Maluti Mountain Lodge. A good braai and a few last drinks with the owner Dan concluded a *lekka* trip. Only 450 kilos left, and we were home.

Not sure if I will join the next boys trip to St Lucia in 10 years' time, but I will be watching them closely to ensure that they keep our good name going at this epic rally!

Love & Respect.

Charle Koegelenberg.



ST LUCIA

The annual St Lucia Rally was held from 16 – 18 June 2023 – Born to Ride!

The rally was well attended by Steelwings members from across the country! Some of the chapters met up along the way and the party started early on the road to St Lucia. The rally was well organised as always by Grant and Chantal with the assistance of Steelwings Durban and Zululand!

On Saturday night, everyone celebrated Pieter Groenewald's 70th Birthday and he was gifted framed Steelwings colors to celebrate his contribution to Steelwings through the years and to remind everyone that Steelwings are moving forward united and with a new patch on our back with love, honour and respect. A great party was had by all and all chapters returned home safe.



TEDDY BEAR CLINIC FUND RAISER – SW JOBURG

A great well attended day was had by all at Sheena's Pub , Weltevreden Park in aid of the Teddy Bear Foundation. R 32 000.00 was raised and donated to this great initiative. A big Thank You Sheena's for donating 100 Boerewors Rolls of which all the proceeds went to the Teddy Bear Foundation , as well as Thank You others who attended and donated privately.

Well done to all.

Steelwings and other Motor Cycle clubs that attended were.

- SW Joburg
- SWJ South
- Harties
- National
- East Rand
- West Rand
- The Macs
- Life Behind Bars
- Krooked Kings



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SW JOBURG SOUTH

With the cold weather, Johannesburg South's Christmas in July Charity Day Jol was an absolute blast. Leaving all who attended the jol with warmth and feel good in their soul. The jol was well attended by Steelwings Johannesburg South members, Johannesburg, Rustenburg, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, National, just to name a few as well as other Bike clubs. The music, concourse, food, fires and good vibes kept the party going the whole day.



Upcoming Events:

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| 24 – 27 August 2023 | - Breede River Rally, Oudtshoorn, Klein Karoo |
| 9 September 2023 | - Steelwings Klerksdorp Dayjol |
| 23 – 24 September 2023 | - Diamond Rush Star Alliance Rally, Kakiebos,
Steelwings East-Rand |
| 13 – 15 October 2023 | - Larry Rally, Parys |
| 19 – 21 October 2023 | - West Coast Rally, Saldanha Bay |
| 19 – 22 October 2023 | - Steelwings JHB Annual Rally |
| 28 October 2023 | - Steelwings Rustenburg Dayjol |