



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hey there Steelwings and Steelwings Riders

I recently got involved in shooting the “Inked” series for Discovery channel and had the opportunity of meeting one of the main stars Carey Hart who has the H and H Tattoo Company in Las Vegas. He also married singer songwriter Pink and the spotlight of fame brought an intensity to his life never before experienced. His escape – A Harley Davidson of course. “I try to jump on my Harley at least once a week – to clear the cobwebs. For me it’s definitely therapeutic to just blast down the highway for a few hours.” Man of my own heart – and something I have been advocating we all do in this newsletter. “For some there’s therapy – for the rest of us there’s motorcycles.” Or rather “A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up lots of fuel.”

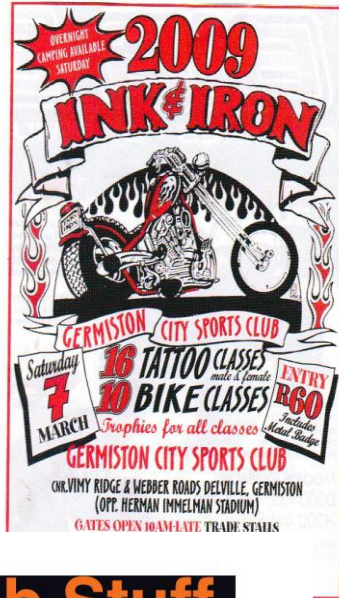
Carey says “The thing I really like about Harleys is there’s no other bike that has its history. I also like the community that Harley riders have. And it might sound cheesy, but I love the idea of just jumping on my bike and I’m by myself and I can go anywhere I want to be and there’s no-one to answer to.” So it’s time to jump on your bike this week and join a lot of us as we roar down the highway but there’s a twist. **See below!!!**

Breakfast Run

Last week’s breakfast run was well marshalled by stand in Road Captain Niall Bernic who led the guys on a great ride and well coordinated. Weather looked dismal at first and it looked as though the turnout would be min. But – surprisingly there was a moderate turnout with some 10 or so bikes joining in. The ride went through the Cradle of Mankind winding back from the opposite side to Lanseria Airport. Wings Wiesenhof turned out to be a good venue – if somewhat windy. Grub was good and interesting to see airplanes taking off and landing. Great again to see old faces like Steele Kofsky, John Hancox and Housten (where you been hiding boeties?) and Colin Robinson and mate Charlie (New prospect?)



This week we're having a **SATURDAY LUNCH RIDE** and expect a great turnout from all of you. We'll be meeting at the Harley Dealership en masse at 12 pm (fill your tank before!) for departure at 12.30 pm on to the **TROYEVILLE HOTEL** where we have booked lunch. Those of you who haven't eaten there – it's a treat and cheap too. After lunch, we head out to Germiston for the Ink and Iron. See ad below for some fun, music, dop and biking. Those that want can get their ink tattoo on site!



Club Stuff

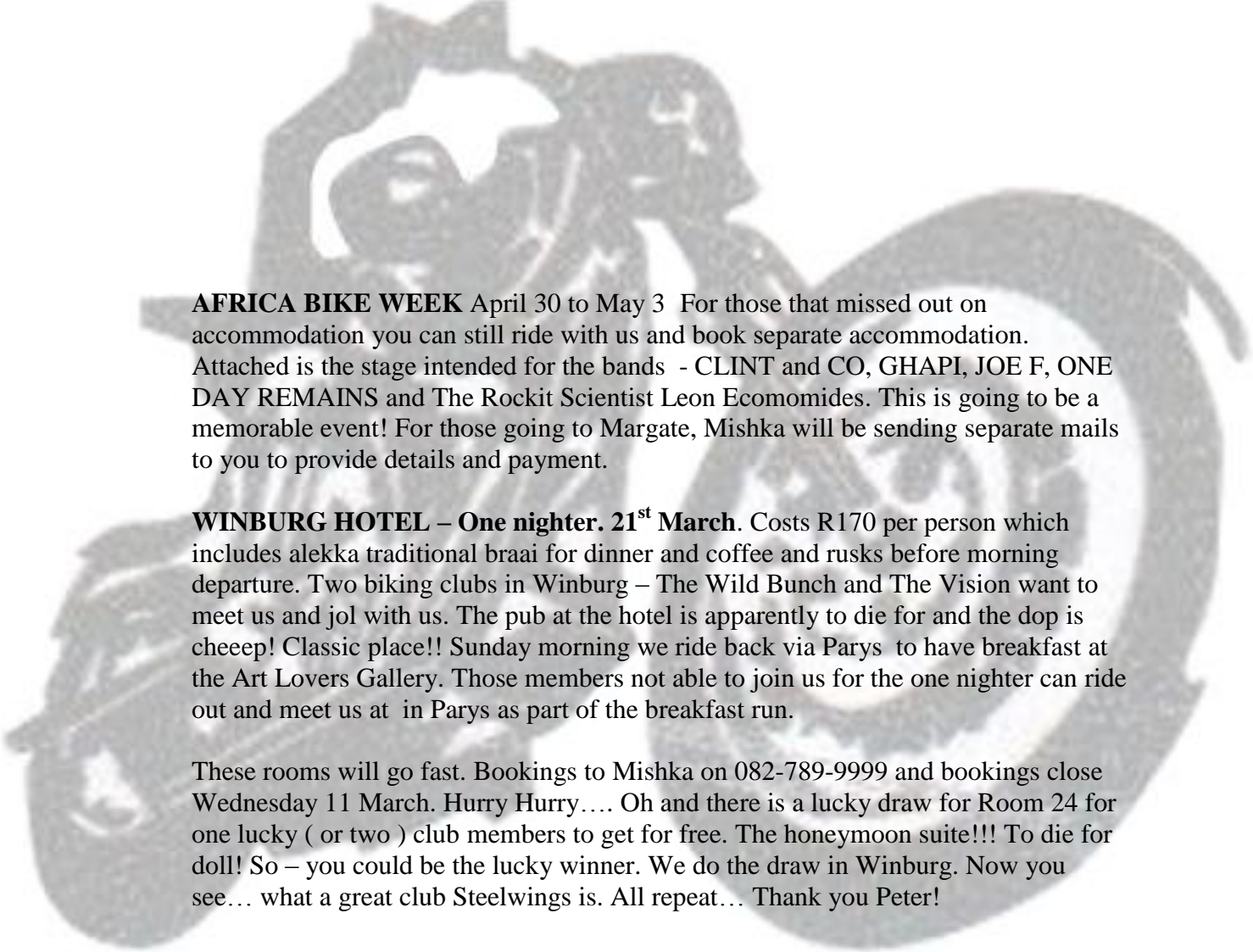
Please fill in your new or renewed membership forms (attached) and fax them to Peter Edel on 011-404-1714 or e-mail peter@divafashions.co.za together with proof of membership payment. We need the membership form to be faxed to keep track of changes of details like mail addresses, cell numbers and birthdates – important going forward! Applications for renewal close end March so hurry and get these in. The good news - the membership fees are unchanged at R450 for riders, R350 for pillion and R250 for country.

Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday to you! Belated birthday wishes to :
Sheila Jan 6, Mishka Jan 9 and Hendrina Jan 21.

Tony Wilkinson Feb 5, Lemmer Feb 9, Caramia Feb 12, David Weil Feb 15, Paul Plath Feb 20 Ingrid Feb 24 and Charley Feb 27. Hey guys you getting a pressie from the club. However you have to be at FTV Village Walk March 26 7.30 pm to celebrate and claim your present. Please give bookings to Mishka 082-789-9999 for tables and seats. Friends and family welcome.

March birthdays .. (in due course Mark Halpern and Howie Rabins ...) we will be wishing you but get prepared to party! Anybody's birthday we have missed it's because you haven't sent in your membership form with your birthdate. So if we have missed you – let us know!





AFRICA BIKE WEEK April 30 to May 3 For those that missed out on accommodation you can still ride with us and book separate accommodation. Attached is the stage intended for the bands - CLINT and CO, GHAPI, JOE F, ONE DAY REMAINS and The Rockit Scientist Leon Ecomomides. This is going to be a memorable event! For those going to Margate, Mishka will be sending separate mails to you to provide details and payment.

WINBURG HOTEL – One nighter. 21st March. Costs R170 per person which includes alekka traditional braai for dinner and coffee and rusks before morning departure. Two biking clubs in Winburg – The Wild Bunch and The Vision want to meet us and jol with us. The pub at the hotel is apparently to die for and the dop is cheep! Classic place!! Sunday morning we ride back via Parys to have breakfast at the Art Lovers Gallery. Those members not able to join us for the one nighter can ride out and meet us at in Parys as part of the breakfast run.

These rooms will go fast. Bookings to Mishka on 082-789-9999 and bookings close Wednesday 11 March. Hurry Hurry.... Oh and there is a lucky draw for Room 24 for one lucky (or two) club members to get for free. The honeymoon suite!!! To die for doll! So – you could be the lucky winner. We do the draw in Winburg. Now you see... what a great club Steelwings is. All repeat... Thank you Peter!



Interesting Stuff

We live in one of the most fantastic places for scenic rides. But unfortunately Gauteng with its mine dumps is also very dusty. So your Harley needs regular washing. Here's some tips to help and enhance your Harley and keep that cosmetic appeal.



1. **PRE WASH** - Before you crack open the hosepipe - avoid scratching. Remove rings , watches, and anything that might scratch your bike. Don't wash your bike after a long ride. Make sure your bike is cool to touch. Not only will pipes etc burn you but the bike can get scarred by making cleaners and waxes react. If your bike is crusted with mud or heavy soli, rinse it off first. Sponging old dirt will scratch your bike. Beware of old sponges. They may have dirt trapped inside which will scratch your finish. Use a wash mitt available from bike shops. Buy bike cleaning products. Just because sunlight washes your dishes – it doesn't mean it will be good for your bike.
2. **THE WASH** – Roll up your sleeves and get to work. Use was according to instructions on bottle. Bike wash products contain special water softeners that allow use in direct sunlight. (Joburg water is very hard!) Rinse thoroughly from the top down and ensure complete removal of cleaner especially from nooks and crannies. Give bike a light misting afterwards. Leaf blowers or hair dryers make excellent bike dryers. Compressed air is not good for bikes because oil and rust particles gather around tanks. Clean wheels paying attention to dreaded galvanic corrosion. Don't leave water puddles. In the normal use of your bike , particles from brake dust get on wheels. If neglected, these non compatible metals react creating corrosion and pitting on wheels - Resulting in costly refinishing to wheels. Wheel dirt is a whole new kind of dirt – so it needs a proper cleaner – specifically for wheels and tyres.
3. **ONCE WASHED** – As you clean and wash your bike - be aware how the water reacts. This will indicate what to do next. If the water beads into small droplets, you don't need to polish your bike. If the water sheets or forms oblong droplets – its time to polish. If your bike is older than 6 months use a bike polish and sealant to deal with imperfections, slight scratches, dulling and stains.
4. **THE POLISH AND SEAL** – A well polished bike not only looks good but repels dust, dirt, bugs and dirty water. Don't polish in bright sunlight – especially if air is humid. Use a soft cloth – an absolute must for buffing. If streaking is sever reapply try a dampened cloth or a couple of drops of distilled water in a gentle circular motion. If streaking is severe – reapply a small amount of polish and remove quickly. After polishing let bike remain in the shade for several hours.

Finally wise words “ RIDING DASTER THAN EVERONE ELSE ONLY GUARANTEES YOU'LL RIDE ALONE”

With kind thanks to Bev Cumberlege for quotes.

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