

BFR - Carousel – 31 Jul 2011

It is time for two events to happen urgently. One is the formal end of winter and the other is the opening of the Pretoria dealership. I think that both will assist with getting the number of riders back to the 40-50 bikes per ride. Sunday's ride to Carousel was attended by 26 riders (19 male, 7 female) on 22 Harleys. There was one new lady rider.

Deon Prinsloo was the Road Captain assisted by Annetjie Prinsloo, Shawn Marx, Keith Lee and Johan Olivier as Marshals. Stoffel de Beer took the front as Lead and right at the back followed the Sweep played by Barry Hayes. In one of his many roles, Marius Pels performed as doctor-doctor Safety Officer and the Oscar for best friend of the day went to Gert Byleveld as Biker Buddy. And in the middle rode the pack – all eighteen of them.

The route was a real gem with very little road surface issues like potholes, gravel or stray animals. We rode North on the N1 and took Zambesi East towards Cullinan. A couple of left turns took us to a junction with the R573 going to Kwa-Mahlanga and Moloto. At Moloto we turned left again towards Rust de Winter and another left turn found us riding west towards the N1. We took ANOTHER left on the R101 and arrived 12 km later at the Carousel. Out of a total of 144 km we had exactly 1.7 km of bumpy road. On the ride back towards Pretoria we encountered more toll gates than potholes.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the Carousel Forecourt and although not the fastest kitchen in the world the food was nice and tasty.