BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria, South Africa

NEWSLETTER
JUNE /JULY 2026
#6 OF 2026

CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY | 3 July 2026 | 18H30 for 19**hoo**

Dear Members and friends,

As we settle into the heart of winter, one thing has become very clear that adventure doesn't hibernate. It simply adds another layer.

Over the past few months, we've once again been reminded that BMW Club Pretoria is about so much more than motorcycles. Every ride, every club night and every conversation over a cup of coffee continues to strengthen the friendships and sense of belonging that make this club so special.

June may have brought chilly mornings, but it certainly didn't cool our enthusiasm. From the scenic ride to G on V Riverfront in Parys to the relaxed Moon Ride to Clann Time, members once again embraced the open road, good company and shared experiences that define our club.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our ride leaders, sweep riders and committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Their dedication ensures that every event runs smoothly and that our members can simply enjoy the experience.

A special thank you also goes to everyone who participated in our recent newsletter survey. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reminded us that communication remains an important part of keeping our club connected. It is encouraging to see that members value not only the ride information but also the stories, practical tips and shared experiences that bring every edition to life.

As we look ahead, there is plenty to be excited about. July brings more opportunities to get together, including our Sunday Lunch Ride to Zuider Ster Pub & Grill, another Moon Ride adventure to Kweekhuis and the much-anticipated Christmas in July weekend in Dullstroom.

Our partnership with Club 21 also continues to grow, and I encourage every member to support our fundraising initiatives where possible. Through these efforts, we have an opportunity to make a meaningful difference while strengthening the bond within our own club community.

For those who haven't yet completed their membership registration details, please take a few moments to do so. Keeping our information up to date will help us improve communication and make the most of the exciting digital developments we are implementing within the club.

Whether you're joining a breakfast ride, a Moon Ride, a long weekend away or simply attending Club Night, thank you for being part of this incredible community.

Ride safely, look after one another and most importantly, continue to enjoy every kilometre. See you on the road.

Yours in shared riding pleasure
Marius Bezuidenhout
Chairman | BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria

MEMBER BENEFITS

10% Discount

@ **BMW Motorrad Centurion**
for Club Members
(proof of membership required)

July birthdays

1 Beulah Spoon
3 Vaughan Wepener
6 Francois Fouche
6 Rick Stadman
8 Carel Jacobs
8 Vernon Vivier
11 Dani du Preez
12 Stefan Oosthuizen
15 Leroy Olivier
17 Andre Stander
18 Johanette van der Merwe
23 Gerrie van Deventer
24 Marius Steiner
24 Melinda Botha
27 Altus Janse van Rensburg
27 Louis Naude
28 Desire Wehmeyer
28 Theo Schoeman
30 Thomas Barrett

Live draw at AUGUST CLUB night

Get your tickets NOW

RAFFLE #2 Jackets

How to purchase your raffle tickets

To secure your entry, please follow the steps below.
1 ticket = 1 entry

STEP 1: Make payment using banking details below

STEP 2: Use the correct reference
Please use the following format: *Name + Raf2 + size (50 or 52)*
Example: DonnaRaf2-50

STEP 3: Send proof of payment (POP)
Email your POP to the email below and include the following details:
Name and surname
Cell No.
Raffle 2
No. of tickets purchased

Important: Your entry is only confirmed once payment has been verified.

Email: payments@bmwclubs.co.za

Banking details:
BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria
First National Bank
Branch: 252 142
Account: 5585 0011 822

July CLUB RIDE

Lead ride: Marius

Sunday lunch ride, 5 July 2026

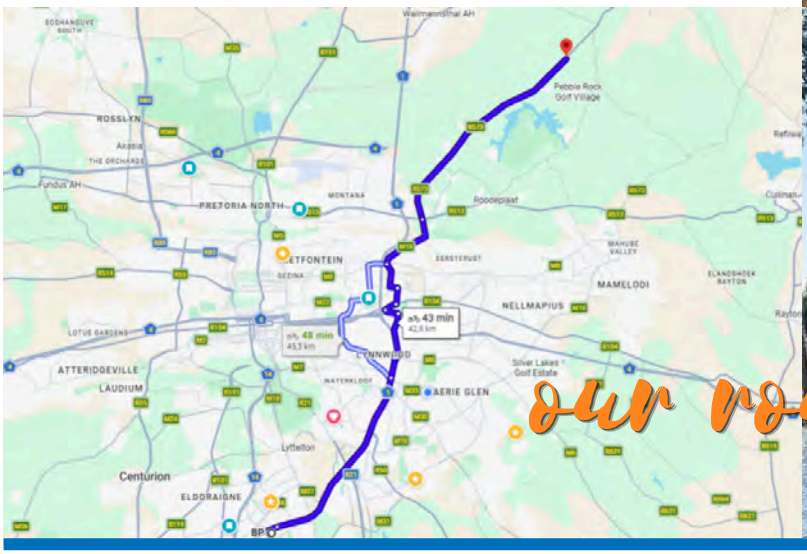
Sometimes the best rides are not the longest ones but the ones that allow us to simply slow down, enjoy the journey and spend quality time together.

On Sunday, 5 July 2026, we will head north on a relaxed winter ride to Zuider Ster Pub & Grill, situated beyond Roodeplaat Dam along the scenic Moloto Road. Led by Marius Bezuidenhout, this short lunchtime outing offers members the perfect opportunity to escape the city for a few hours and enjoy good company, good food and the open road.

The route covers approximately 45 kilometres and is expected to take around an hour, travelling along a combination of highway, residential and rural roads. Although the ride is relatively short and pillion friendly, members are reminded that winter conditions may bring cold temperatures, wind and the possibility of wet roads.

Ride information

- **Meeting point:** BP Centurion
- **Time:** 11:30, stands up at 12:00
- Approximately 45 km (1 hour)
- North via Roodeplaat Dam and Moloto Road
- **Pillion friendly:** yes



our route...

July

Saturday, 18 June 2026
Kweekhuis with Giel and Paul

MOON RIDE

Join us for our July Moon Ride **17H00 for 17H30 from BP Centurion** to Kweekhuis for an enjoyable winter evening on two wheels.

This relaxed 30 minute ride offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, enjoy the company of fellow members and experience another memorable club outing. Whether you're a regular on our Moon Rides or joining us for the first time, everyone is welcome.

On arrival at Kweekhuis, members will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal in the restaurant's warm and inviting atmosphere while catching up with friends and sharing stories from the road.

We look forward to another safe and enjoyable evening of riding, great food and even better company. We hope to see you there!

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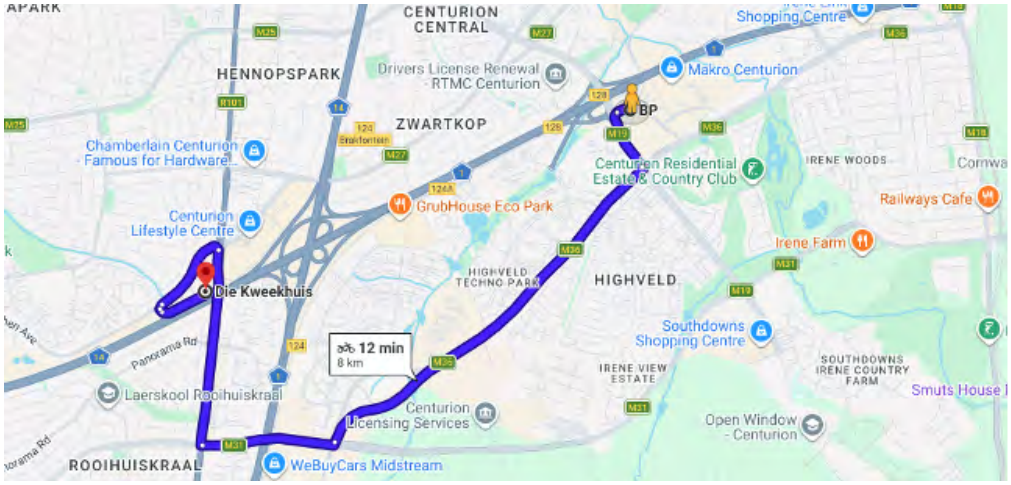


July weekend away

Christmas in July: Dullstroom Weekend Away

24 – 26 July 2026

Pack your winter gear and join us for a festive "**Christmas in July**" weekend away as we ride to the beautiful Critchley Hackle Lodge in Dullstroom.

Ride leader Rick and Sweep Sue will lead members on a scenic 266 km journey from **Engen Route 21 Quickstop in Centurion | Meet at 09H30, Depart at 10Hoo |** travelling via Bapsfontein, Bronkhorstspruit, Balmoral, Emalahleni, Middelburg, Wonderfontein and Belfast before arriving in the heart of Dullstroom.

Along the way we'll enjoy a lunch stop in Emalahleni, followed by a fuel stop in Belfast for motorcycles with smaller fuel tanks, before completing the final stretch into one of South Africa's favourite winter destinations.

Riders can look forward to crisp winter air, scenic roads, cosy accommodation and a weekend filled with great riding, good food and even better company. As always, members are encouraged to ride with caution, as sections of the route include potholes, speed bumps and narrow roads.

Whether you're joining for the spectacular roads, the camaraderie or simply to experience Dullstroom in winter, this promises to be another memorable BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria weekend away.

We look forward to sharing another fantastic adventure with you. See you on the road!

RICK and SUE

June

REPORT BACK

Paul Greebe

Winter ride to G on V Riverfront, Parys on Sunday, 7 June 2026

A bitterly cold winter morning greeted members as they gathered at BP Centurion for another memorable BMW Club Pretoria outing, this time heading towards the beautiful G on V Riverfront in Parys.

Led by Paul Greebe, the group set off on a scenic 182 km journey, embracing the crisp winter air and the excitement that always accompanies a day on the open road.

Apart from a short 150-metre detour approximately 7 km before Carletonville, the ride progressed smoothly. Members enjoyed a brief comfort stop in Carletonville before continuing towards the destination.

Upon arrival, the breathtaking views of the Vaal River provided the perfect setting to relax and warm up after the chilly ride. Members gathered beneath magnificent old trees, enjoying hearty meals and hot drinks while the winter sun slowly chased away the morning cold.

As always, one of the joys of our club rides is that there is no rush. Some members chose alternative routes home to extend their adventure, while others returned together along the original route.

Most importantly, everyone arrived home safely, making this yet another successful day of riding and shared experiences.

Thank you to ride leader Paul Greebe and ride sweep LeRoy Olivier for leading another enjoyable and safe club outing.

These are the moments that continue to define BMW Club Pretoria.

June REPORT BACK

Leon Stoop

Moon ride to Clann Time on Saturday, 20 June 2026

Sometimes the best evenings are the simplest ones. A group of 12 participants, consisting of 10 members and 2 guests, joined the moon ride to Clann Time.

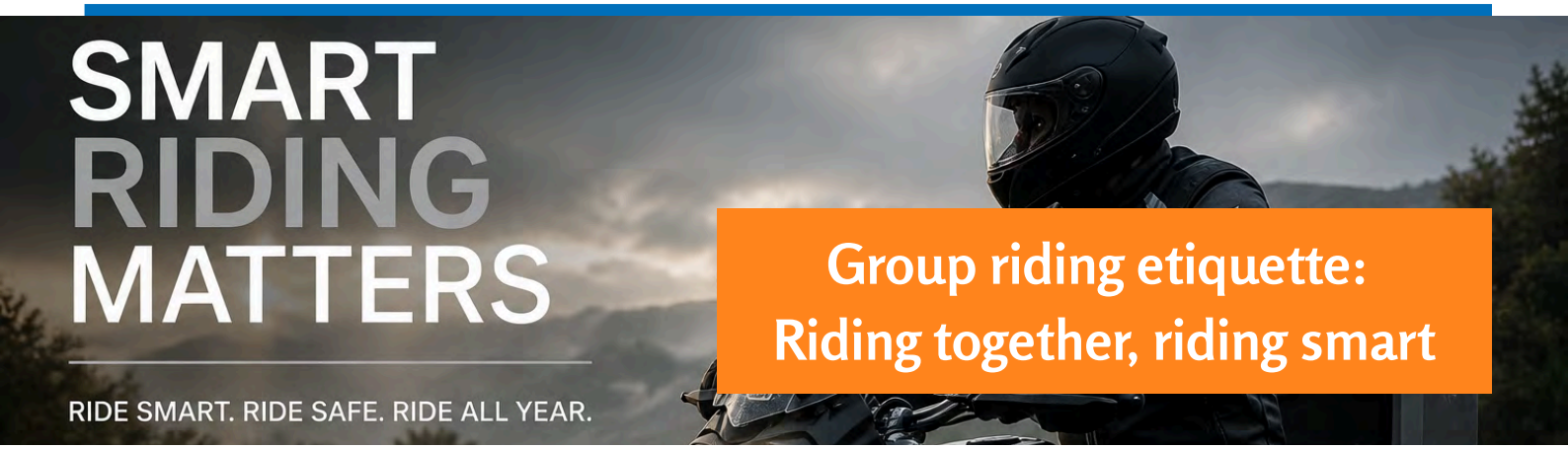
The short 25 km ride provided a relaxed opportunity to unwind after a busy week and simply enjoy being out on our motorcycles together. The group departed on time and travelled safely to the destination on roads that were in excellent condition throughout the route.

Upon arrival at Clann Time, members were welcomed by great service and a warm atmosphere that quickly turned the evening into an enjoyable social gathering. Over a delicious meal, conversations flowed easily as old friends caught up and guests experienced the welcoming spirit of BMW Club Pretoria first hand.

One of the greatest pleasures of these moon rides is that they remind us that riding is about far more than simply covering kilometres. It's about friendships, shared experiences and creating memories together.

Most importantly, the evening was incident free and everyone returned home safely after another successful club outing.

A big thank you to ride leader Leon Stoop and ride sweep LeRoy Olivier for ensuring another smooth and enjoyable event for all involved.



Group riding etiquette: Riding together, riding smart

One of the greatest pleasures of belonging to BMW Club Pretoria is the opportunity to share the road with fellow enthusiasts. However, successful group riding relies on every rider understanding that safety and consideration for others are just as important as the destination itself.

Arrive prepared

A successful ride begins before the stands go up.

Take a few minutes to check:

- Fuel level
- Tyre pressures
- Lights and indicators
- Luggage security
- Riding gear and weather preparedness

Arriving early also gives you time to attend the rider briefing and familiarise yourself with the day's route.

Attend the rider briefing

The rider briefing is there for everyone's benefit.

Pay attention to:

- The route
- Planned stops
- Road conditions
- Hazards
- Emergency procedures
- Sweep rider identification

Even if you know the destination, the briefing may contain important information that could affect the day's ride.

Ride your own ride

This is probably the most important rule of all. Never ride beyond your own skill level to keep up with the group.

Maintain a pace that is safe and comfortable for you. There is absolutely no shame in being cautious. Every experienced rider was once a beginner.

Remember: The destination will still be there when you arrive.

Maintain a safe following distance

Avoid bunching up behind the rider in front of you.

Allow enough space to:

- React to unexpected situations
- Brake safely
- Avoid distractions
- Ride comfortably

Respect the sweep rider

The sweep rider is the last rider in the group and plays a vital role in ensuring nobody is left behind. If you need assistance or encounter a problem, the sweep rider is there to support you.

Never overtake the ride leader or ride behind the sweep rider unless specifically instructed to do so.

Communication matters

Signal:

- Hazards on the road
- Potholes
- Debris

WE RIDE TOGETHER, SAFELY!

YOUR NEWSLETTER, YOUR CLUB, YOUR VOICE

Newsletter Survey Results

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our newsletter survey. Your feedback helps us continue creating a publication that informs, inspires and reflects the spirit of our club.

📊 Survey at a glance

👥 22 members participated

📖 How often do members read the newsletter?

91% read it every month
9% read it most months

⭐ Overall newsletter rating

41% rated it Excellent (5 stars)
50% rated it Good (4 stars)
9% rated it Average (3 stars)
91% rated the newsletter as Good or Excellent.

📰 Favourite newsletter sections

1️⃣ Monthly Ride Information – 17 votes
2️⃣ Smart Riding Matters – 13 votes
3️⃣ Ride Report Backs – 12 votes
4️⃣ Member Stories – 11 votes
5️⃣ Great Outdoors – 9 votes

📏 Newsletter length

91% said it's about right
9% said it's too long

🎨 Visual design feedback

68% said Love it
32% said It's good

❤️ Does the newsletter reflect the spirit of the club?

91% said Yes
9% said Somewhat

💡 Suggestions from members

Some excellent ideas were shared for future editions:

- Technical tips and maintenance articles
- Riding gear reviews
- Insurance information
- A For Sale section
- More practical motorcycle related content

THANK YOU

The newsletter exists because of the people who make BMW Club Pretoria such a special community.

Your stories, photos, ride reports and participation continue to turn every edition into something we can all be proud of.

Ride. Connect. Share. Belong.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

We could be adding some new sections suggested by members

CLUB REGALIA

HOW TO ORDER

1. Email: lifestyle@bmwclubs.co.za
2. WhatsApp: Donna 083 309 0774
3. Order at Club Night

Please note that we require payment before we can place an order.

To place an order with our supplier:

- A minimum of 5 shirts, softshells or hoodies are required.
- A minimum of 5 water bottles are required.

SAMPLES available for fitting at Club Night

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Lifestyle Suggestions

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BMW MCC PTA Member Group
WhatsApp group

Stay up to date with Club activities and events. JOIN the CLUB by scanning this QR code.

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Scan to join our Facebook group

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Yours in shared riding pleasure
On behalf of the BMW MCCP Main Committee