

BFR - Brits/Beestekraal – 18 Sep 2011

It was neither cold nor rainy – which means summer with lots of riders. So it be recorded that 45 Harleys ridden by a smiling bunch of 52 riders (40 male and 12 female) set off from the dealership on their way to the Beestekraal Station Restaurant. It is such a pleasure to depart from our Pretoria dealership where coffee, rusks and smiles are aplenty.

Deon Prinsloo was station master (Road Captain) ably assisted by the following signaling engineers (marshals): Pieter le Roux, Annatjie Prinsloo, Heather Botha, Stoffel de Beer, Keith Lee and Mike Macleary. The train driver (Lead) was Coen Kleinhans and the conductor role (Sweep) was filled by Johan Olivier. The rail safety manager (Safety Officer) was Marius Pels and maintenance manager (Biker Buddy) on this trip was Gert Byleveld. We salute all these hardened railway men and women for keeping us on track to our final station.

The route took us on the N4 towards Rustenburg with a right turn at the Brits road. A short distance through the town of Brits then the troupe veered right again for the semi circular trip past Klein Paradys. It is told that some passenger (read biker) lost his luggage compartment (top box) during this stretch. Fortunately no-one was injured and no property damaged – wonder if the conductor saw it coming?

Another right turn took the train back onto the Thabazimbi road. The most forward signal engineer at the time was Stoffel who came upon an accident involving a motor transport vehicle. Again it was fortunate that the procession could get through this incident without any injury or damage. Shortly thereafter the train driver entered the station, the passengers de-biked and glorious food was consumed.

And so ended another historic trip in the life of Chapter #6811.