

## **Pack rider training - 8 March 2013**

One thing about being in the pack when you ride with Harley Pretoria, you know that you will be safe and - God providing- nothing will go wrong...

So I did my pack rider training on Saturday 8 March 2013. We were going to start at Stone cradle at 8h00 in the morning. I had to get on my bike and ride there on my own. This was easier said than done. I am sure that many of you know that I had my first tumble on the 16th of June 2012 where I had "intimate" relations with a barrier (as I shot over it) at the Delmas - Babsfontein crossing and crashed my bike...

Seeing that it was my 72's maiden voyage, it made it even worse. It had only 229 km's on the clock when I did my Cirque de Soleil on the R52. After the tumble and a horrible looking leg (luckily I did not break anything), it took me months to muster up the courage just to get on my beautiful bike again. I did it with lots of encouragement from Steven and help, guidance and training from my good friend Erik Klopper.

Coming back to PRT, I had to do it! Erik said that I had to decide if the 72 is going to be a beautiful decoration that I can stare at or is it something I am going to ride and enjoy...

The 8th was going to be the day that would change my life. I knew that our Marshal corps were the best and that I would be in good hands and I woke up with a feeling of dread and anticipation at the same time. We got on our bikes and rode to Stone cradle.

We were met by Marius, Norman, Pepe and Angelique at the entrance. There were quite a lot of new faces and Norman had everybody introduce themselves.

As usual Marius our safety officer did a great job in explaining everything about PRT... Then it was time to put the knowledge gained to practice. I had to get on my bike and ride in the pack. Norman and the corps took us on the R21 then left towards the Delmas road and my dreaded 4- way spot, then back past the Rietvleidam, back on the R21 towards Polokwane to end our ride at the Dealership.

I DID IT! I completed the PRT without incident, and I could not have done it without the excellent people we are privileged to have as members of Harley Pretoria. They are well trained, fantastic people, that unselfishly gave up their Saturday morning to make everybody's riding experience safer and I can't thank them enough.

Anyone who has not yet completed their training or did pack riding with Hog Pretoria - please do!

Take care  
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