

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR 2019 DJ RALLY FOR CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES

Entries are open for the 2019 commemorative regularity rally which celebrates the 106th anniversary of the staging of the motorcycle road race between Durban and Johannesburg that was staged annually between 1913 and 1936.

Motorcycles that are eligible to compete in this commemorative event are therefore limited to those manufactured before the end of December 1936.

This is one of the longest running and most prestigious events on the local motorsport calendar and is promoted by the Vintage and Veteran Club (VVC) with the organising team coming from the VVC and a number of related motorcycle clubs. Larina MacGregor will be the clerk-of-the-course for the second year, with Leon Stander again responsible for the scoring, using transponders carried by the competitors.

This regularity rally is very popular and has attracted fields of as many as 130 competitors in the past. It carries international status and has drawn entries from as far afield as the Europe and Australia in the past.

The 2019 event will start from the Colony Shopping Centre in Hillcrest, outside Durban, on Friday, March 15, and finish the following day at the Classic Motorcycle Club premises in Germiston the following afternoon.

The original event started, initially, in Johannesburg and ended in Durban after three days of racing. At first it was a scratch race but later a system of handicapping was introduced. The last race was run in 1936 after which racing on public roads in South Africa was banned for safety reasons. By then, as the organisers were based mainly in Johannesburg, it was more convenient to start in Durban and finish at the Johannesburg Market.

The Commemorative Rally was held for the first time in 1970 taking the form of a time and reliability run and no longer a race. As times and circumstances have changed, with the introduction of freeways and increased traffic conditions, the start was moved from the centre of Durban to Hillcrest.

The route still follows the old R103 Johannesburg to Durban route as closely as possible, taking riders to Pietermaritzburg, via the scenic Valley of a Thousand Hills and on through Nottingham Road to an overnight stop in Newcastle.

The second day offers a challenging ride over mountain passes to Vrede, and on to Heidelberg. After Heidelberg, it is the home stretch. The event finishes at the CMC Clubhouse in Germiston. Each rider is provided with a fully pre-calculated route schedule stipulating a distance and time at each instruction.

The route is approximately 310 km on day one and 328 km on day two, making a total of 638km. Fuel and refreshment stops are included in the route.

The event is open to entrants who are members of a SAVVA or MSA affiliated club and have access to motorcycles manufactured on or before December 1936.

Riders are offered three speed groups 50km/h, 60km/h, and 70 km/h, thus enabling them to enter a speed group that matches the age and capabilities of the motorcycle.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and entry fee is R1,050.00.

The closing date for entries is 1 February 2019 and the maximum number that will be accepted for the 2019 event is 100 riders.

If you would like to be a part of this famous event next year, then you will find the regulations and entry forms on the following websites:

www.classicmotorcycleclub.co.za

www.vintagemotorcycleclub.co.za

www.cvmc.co.za

www.djrun.co.za

www.kickstartclub.co.za

www.ncmc.org.za

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