

## ENTRY FOR CENTENARY JD CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE RALLY SWELLS TO RECORD 200 RIDERS

By Roger Houghton 27 January 2013

The magic of taking part in a regularity rally commemorating 100 years since the running of this famous motorcycle race between Johannesburg and Durban has attracted a record 200 entries with a further five riders on the reserve list.

This year's three-day event, which starts at Carnival City, Ekurhuleni, on March 7 and finishes in Durban, has a strong international flavour with 17 riders from beyond the borders of SA. Six are from the United Kingdom, four from Australia, three from the Netherlands and one each from New Zealand, Zimbabwe, the United States and Ireland. One of the Australian entrants, Dorian Radue is a woman and a regular on this world famous event.

"This enthusiasm for an event which requires one to ride a motorcycle made between 1913 and 1937 is astounding and is indicative of the growing interest in classic events for both motorcycles and cars," said a delighted clerk of the course, Pierre Cronje, who is also the chairman of the Classic Motorcycle Club in Germiston, which is attracting a good inflow of new members these days.

"Classic motorcycle regularity rallying is certainly not a male preserve and this year there are 14 women on the entry list," added Cronje.

"We are also very pleased that the list also includes two members of the Blaque Diamonds Motorcycle Club in Soweto. They are Thabang Buthelezi and Khaya Nkonyane, who will ride an OK Supreme and Zundapp respectively. The machines have been loaned to the two enthusiasts by Peter Hall, curator of the James Hall Museum of Transport in Johannesburg."

"This will not only be a first time entry on the JD Rally, but also their first foray into regularity rallying on a motorcycle and they are undergoing intensive training in the difficult task of using a route schedule on a roller to find the way and then calculating arrival times at checkpoints based on set average speeds. Early or late arrival at these marshal points results in penalties."

This annual event is usually run over two days and in recent years the direction has been from Durban to Johannesburg. However, due to the significance of the centenary rally the riders will have three days to complete the route which follows approximately the same roads used in the days when it was a road race on public roads. The riders will overnight in Newcastle on the Thursday evening and in Nottingham Road the next night.

The route on the second day will end in the grounds of the Nottingham Road Primary School, which is also celebrating its centenary this year and there will be festivities including a braaivleis at this venue in the evening. The rallyists will be contributing to a fund to raise money for a computer centre for the school.

"We are getting very good cooperation from the authorities in Ekurhuleni and EThekweni (Durban), which is much appreciated," continued Cronje. "Their assistance will focus at the start and finish of the event respectively, with those who reach the final control at the Hillcrest Corner Centre, Main Road, Hillcrest, going on a mass ride to Durban on the Saturday afternoon, with the ride ending at the People's Park near the new soccer stadium in Durban. EThekweni is, in fact, giving the event a civic reception to honour its centenary.

"I am fortunate as the chief organiser of this major event of having a willing team of committee members from a number of classic motorcycle organisations and clubs to assist me," said Cronje. "In addition we have had very good support from a number of sponsors which is vital as we do not have an overall sponsor."

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Below is a selection of photos of 2013 competitors and their rides.



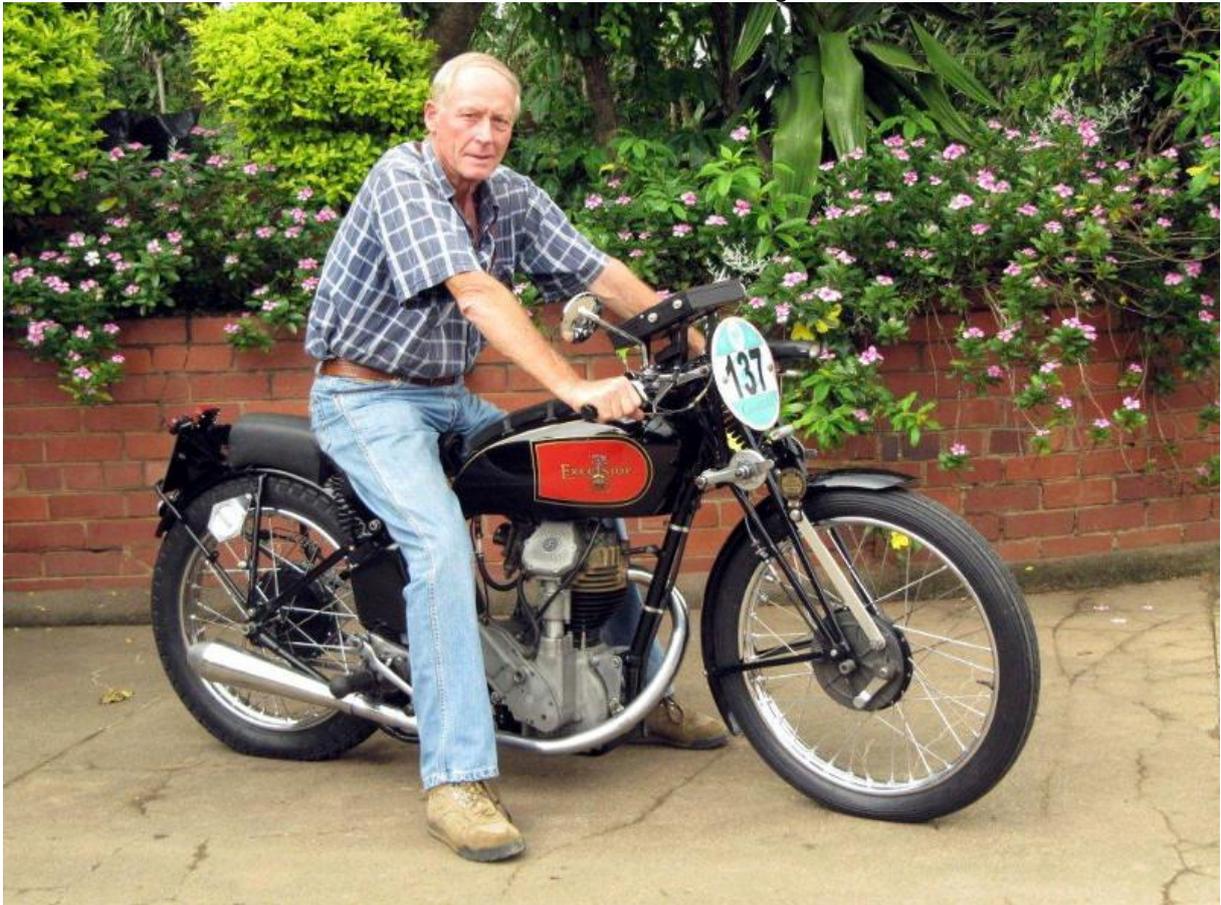
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