

Friday 30 August 2018 once again saw 251 registered participants converge on the picturesque town of Gariep Dam for the annual Spring Rally hosted by HOG® Pretoria, South Africa. Attendees came from far and wide, including Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Zululand.



HOG® banner.

Friday was spent registering and settling-in to the accommodations at the award-winning Forever Resort® Gariep Dam and catching up with old friends before preparing for the evening's rocking entertainment provided by the hugely talented Anton Botha.



Anton Botha keeping the dance floor rocking.



Janet and Annatjie manning the registration table.

Of course, no rally would be complete without doing something for charity, and who better to get the moola popping than a bunch of sexy ladies from the host chapter dancing for a good cause. The ladies flaunted their dance moves to the tune of R 9800!



Strutting their stuff.

The trademark white marquee tent rocked till the wee hours of the morning!

Saturday started off with a proper breakfast and, discreetly erected in a corner of the hall, the "Babbelas Station" for those *very few* guys and gals nursing a hangover.



Scrumptious breakfast...

Thereafter it was off on the bikes to see and appreciate the breath-taking scenery that is Gariep Dam, the largest dam in South Africa, bordering on no less than three provinces namely Free State-, Northern Cape- and Eastern Cape province. Head Road Captain Rudy Barnard and Training Officer Johan "Pappa Smurf" Olivier escorted the packs to

the dam wall where the true magnificence of the dam could be admired.



The Gariep Dam viewed from the dam wall.



Riders lined up behind Head Road Captain Rudy.



Admiring the scenery.

Saturday afternoon saw participants and spectators flock to the games area where skilled riders gathered to test their mettle in search of the coveted title of winners of the Harley Games Grand Finale.



Grand Finale winners Eugene and daughter Sharnelle receive their prize from Bennie.

To cool off the heels, participant pillions had to hit the

other rider's pillion with a water balloon.



Water balloon action.

Spectators were treated to a fancy gin bar, where the term "pink drinks" gained a whole new meaning.



"Pink drink" with mint.....mmmmmm.



"Pink drink" add-ons....

The games concluded with the showcasing of pure bike-riding talent by the gents of HOG® Pretoria when they performed the five-bike figure 8 spectacular.



The figure 8 spectacular.

Then it was time for the ever-popular bike-brag. Seventeen participants entered their iron horses to be envied and judged.

Although all the horses were pretty, there could be only one winner per category.



Best Tourer.



Best Non-tourer.



Best Custom.

Activities concluded with the Chapter Director, Tony Raffa, handing out tokens of thanks and appreciation to the main organizer, Elsie Van Niekerk and her team, the sponsors as well as all the Chapter Officers who, through their time and devotion, ensured that the rally was a massive success.



Tony and main organizer Elsie.

As dawn broke on Sunday morning, bags were packed, tanks filled, and friends bade goodbye. It was time to go back to reality, to leave the town of Gariep Dam, to say farewell. Never goodbye, rather: 'till next year...

