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Dear Members

**W**ITHOUT HISTORY THERE IS NO FUTURE.....  
SO LETS START OFF WITH A BIT OF HISTORY...

Wednesday, April 04, 2007 1:19 PM

By #3 Carl Talbot

### A VMAX RALLY?

To say that a meeting of fellow *Vmaxers* from all over the country was an ideal come true is putting it mildly. There is only one word to describe most *Vmaxers*.....*Passionate*.

It was this *Passion* for the *Original Hot Rod Cruiser Muscle Bike* that set the chain of events that led to not only the historic first *Vmax Get Together*, however also a dedicated web page for *Vmaxers* to share everything *Vmax* related.

Carl Talbot and John van Nieuwenhuizen at the 2006 Vmax Odyssey Rally



*Performance Cruisers* are measured, even 23 years after it was unveiled in 1984 in the USA.

### BIKE SA LETTERS

During 2004 and 2005 I wrote several letters (with specific *Vmax* content) to *Bike SA* for publication. These letters gave historic information on the *Vmax* and welcomed the newer kids on the block to the *Power Cruiser* arena namely the *HD Vrod* and *The Triumph Rocket III*. *Hans Knop* also responded to these letters via *Bike SA*. #9 *Len Graskie* from *Amanzimtoti* also added contributions.

Similarly I made contact with *Vmaxer #34 Nico Venter* in 2005, who himself has informally organised rides with other *Vmaxers* on the *Witwatersrand*. *Nico* put me in contact with another *Vmaxer #39 Jim Bramley* from the *Johannesburg* area to whom

I also spoke too . There clearly seemed a shared passion for the Vmax all over the country.

Hans published a letter in *Bike SA in 2005* advising that he was hosting a **Dedicated Web Page** for Vmax enthusiasts.

At that stage a Vmaxer from PE, #2 John van Nieuwenhuizen had also made contact with Hans. John beat me to becoming the first member and I officially became the second member.

What followed was many months of e-mail and telephone conversations between the 3 of us. As time passed more and more members joined and the web page started to grow in size and stature. The next logical step was a get together of Vmaxers. I was very intrigued about the prospect of meeting the other Vmaxers.

### 2006 VMAX ODYSSEY RALLY

<http://awol.co.za/vmaxodysseyrally2006.htm>

LEN GRASKIE at the  
2006 Vmax Odyssey  
Rally



After Hans relocated from Ermelo to Durban he single handedly proceeded to organise the first Rally in October 2006. Hans jokingly refers to himself now as officially middle aged now that he is 70 years old. It takes a big man to saddle a Vmax at that age. Hans is a true Vmaxer.

An unfortunate turn of events took place several days before the rally. While Hans was riding with his mate Hans Vrolijk, he fell and was hospitalised with broken ribs, puncture lung, shoulder-blade and collarbone. It clearly seemed that he would not be able to attend the rally and the entire event seemed to hang in the balance. Concerned Vmaxers like #10 Guy Sheehan from Salt Rock, KZN suggested that we take a mass ride to the hospital to see Hans which was a good suggestion by Guy.

Surprisingly Hans discharged on the Friday and attended the event that he had organised. Clearly Hans was in a lot of pain and his wounds where still bleeding, however he remained present for the entire weekend .

Dok Dokter- Carl Talbot  
Hans Knop at the 2006 Vmax Odyssey  
Rally



NICO VENTER in front of his  
Plaque at the Comrads Route  
during the 2006 Vmax Odyssey Rally  
Mass Ride



WILL THIS BE THE SHORT LIVED END OF OUR "JHB CHAPTER"

&.....

PERHAPS..... ALSO THE END OF "THE VMOG SA"..... ? ? ?

YES or NO.....

IT ALL WILL BE IN YOUR  
OWN HANDS.....!!!



POSTPONED TO

2018..... ? ? ?

**Y** VONNE DALGLEISH OF THE VMOG JHB CHAPTER HAS  
RESIGNED AS ADMINISTRATOR.

**BELOW YVONNE'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION AND  
FOLLOW-UP CORRESPONDENCE.**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Yvonne](#)  
**To:** 'VMAX OWNERS GROUP'  
**Cc:** [andrew@mrlaptop.co.za](mailto:andrew@mrlaptop.co.za)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 7:31 AM  
**Subject:** VMOG JHB Chapter

Good Morning Hans,

Thank you for your guidance and assistance to date, it is greatly appreciated :)

Unfortunately it seems that the JHB members are not interested in the VMOG Chapter and I assume it's due to the fact that all belong to "clubs".

It's been more than a week and I have only received 2 emails from members regarding the dates and nothing else. As mentioned, without the group's participation there is no point so I have decided to cancel the meet and greet due to lack of interest by members.

I would also like to hand in my resignation as Administrator as there is no need for such if the members are disinterested.

*Kind Regards*

*Yvonne Dalgleish  
Founder and Administrator of the VMOG JHB CHAPTER*



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [VMAX OWNERS GROUP](#)  
**To:** [Yvonne](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 7:44 AM  
**Subject:** Re: VMOG JHB Chapter

Good Morning Yvonne

I think I your are as disappointed as I am.  
You put so much effort in this Meet and Greet Story.  
Maybe.....after all.....it was a bit to ambitious.

I am sure there are enough Vmaxers who would love to go for a Breakfast Run or a Simple Meet and Greet.

With both Events you simply state a Date and a place to meet.....!! !

I know as a matter of fact that Wilfrid Moulin who lives in Sandhurst..... and is the proud owner of 2 Immaculate 20 Anniversary Limited Edition 2005 Vmaxes.....would join. Then you get Jim Bramley.....and with you and Andrew that makes already 3 Vmaxes.  
Even if you only could get 5 Vmaxers together.....I think.....it would be worth your while.

So please.....don't give up and give it another change.

In actual fact when you organise just a small breakfast run you should do it for your own enjoyment.

That's why I started our Group.....just for my own enjoyment to meet other like minded people and see other Vmaxes.

Vmaximus Greetings

Hans



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Yvonne](#)

**To:** 'VMAX OWNERS GROUP'

**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:20 AM

**Subject:** RE: SPAM-LOW: 2nd TRY / Fw: VMOG JHB Chapter

Good Morning Hans,

Sorry for the late reply, I have been away for a week.....

I did get your mail below, thank you for your thoughts.

I don't believe the meet and greet was too ambitious but rather a clear indication of interest of participation of members and I believe that due to the fact that most members belong to clubs and perhaps their interest lie more in the activities of the respective clubs.

I will send a simple email to members of any activities / runs / "jols" that Andrew and I attend if they have any interest to join and I'd be more than happy to assist you with the next Odyssey but I do not believe that arranging anything under the "VMOG" banner will yield enough participation to make it worthwhile.

Perhaps with time and once the members who are interested have met at one of the above functions things will change.

*Kind Regards*

*Yvonne Dalgleish*

*Founder and Administrator of the VMOG JHB CHAPTER*



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [VMAX OWNERS GROUP](#)

**To:** [Yvonne](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:32 AM

**Subject:** closing down the SA VMOG / 2nd TRY / Fw: VMOG JHB Chapter

Hi Yvonne

Yes I understand you reasoning.

This whole South African Vmax story is also a great disappointment for me considering the co-operation I get from our Members.

I therefore have decided I am not going to organise a SA Vmax Odyssey Gathering anymore.

If they want one they have to take the initiative themselves.

I am even seriously considering closing down the SA VMOG and its Facebook Page.

Regards

Hans



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [VMAX OWNERS GROUP](#)

**To:** [YVONNE DALGLEISH #241](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2017 10:17 AM

**Subject:** to give it one last try

Good Morning Yvonne

As you might have noticed I haven't confirmed your notice of Resignation yet.

Yvonne on behalf of all our Vmax Friends and Members I would like to ask you to give it one last try and organise a Breakfast Run as follows:

\*Specify a date

\*Time

\*Point of departure

\*Breakfast Venue

\*Route to be followed in order for Members to join somewhere along the route if the place of departure isn't convenient for them

\*THEN mail all Members an invitation with the above info and ask for pledges to participate.

Vmaximus Greetings

Hans



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Yvonne](#)

**To:** ['VMAX OWNERS GROUP'](#)

**Cc:** ['andrew'](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 23, 2017 10:04 AM

**Subject:** My apologies

Good Morning Hans,

I'd like to start by offering my sincerest apologies for not replying to your emails sooner.

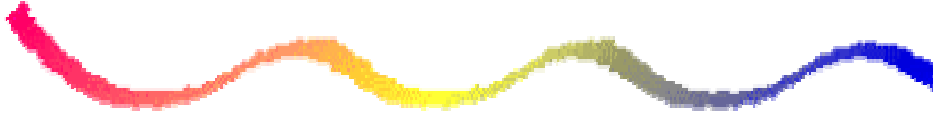
I have been giving it much thought and have decided that I am standing by my previous decision and I'd like to resign as the Administrator.



I honestly feel that a group without active members can't become an active group, Andrew says that if there are any events that he is attending he will send a "shout out" on the face book page as an open invitation for all to join.....perhaps that way encourage members to be more active and see what the future holds.....

Thank you for all your advice, assistance and encouragement :)

Kind Regards  
Yvonne



## **G** UYS AND GALLS

after reading the above.....I presume you all understand where the future of the VMOG South Africa and the VMOG JHB CHAPTER in its entirety stands at present.

IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT.....that a Club.....or in our case a Group of Vmaxers depends on the Enthusiasm and Participation of its Members.

I STILL BELIEVE that Yvonne was TOO Ambitious and Over-Enthusiastic with her Proposed..... "Very Extensive Meet and Great Event."

I think the Venue was an ideal place for the Event.

However..... if she instead had organised a Simple Meet and Greet for Vmaxers and Enthusiasts ONLY..... and JUST had Announced the following:

\* The Venue

\* Date

\* Time

and had asked for Pledges to Attend the Meet and Great;

WE MIGHT HAVE HAD A Great Event Enjoyed by all.

MAKE NO MISTAKE..... I DON'T BLAME YVONNE she really did a good job by trying.

**S**O..... I have moved my thoughts of  
***"Closing down the SA VMOG and it's  
Facebook Page"***

to the back of my mind and **INSTEAD** ask all of you to Please Participate / Co-operate in the following:

## THE JHB CHAPTER

\* For the time being there will not be a Chairman/President or Administrator.

\* **BREAKFAST RUNS AND MEET AND GREATS** to be organised by anyone of our Members on a *"When they Feel Fit and have the Time to do so Ad Hoc Basis"*.

\* I will give my Time and Full Co-operation..... wherever possible..... for example by way of Drawing up the Invitation to Participate and Mailing the Invitation to all our Members.



## HOW TO ORGANISE A BREAKFAST RUN

\* Find a nice and interesting place located in the Witwaters-Rand area.... within only a few hours drive from the PLACE OF DEPARTURE *OR* the PARTICIPANTS RESIDENCE .....for example the "Motorcycle Museum in Deneyville".

\* Specify a date

\* Place of departure

\* Time of departure

\* Route to be followed in order for Members to join somewhere along the route if the place of departure isn't convenient for them.

\* Hansi DiKnoppio then will *Mail* all Members an *Invitation* with the above *Info* and ask for *Pledges to Participate*.



**BELOW A LIST OF OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE JHB CHAPTER AREA.**

	<b>Town</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Date joined</b>	
1	Brakpan, Gauteng	204	Sep-13	ALLAN TOMLIN
2	Roodepoort, JHB, Gauteng	68	May-07	ANDRE BLIGNAUT
3	Boksburg, Gauteng	240	Aug-17	ANDREW DALGLEISH
4	Vereeniging, Gauteng	151	Jun-10	ANDRIES SWANEPOEL
5	Pretoria, Gauteng	219	Feb-15	BERT GROBLER
6	Pretoria, Gauteng	96	Jan-08	BEYERS RAS
7	Boksburg, Gauteng. Lost his leg in accident	95	Jan-08	CAREL van NIEKERK
8	Pretoria, Gauteng	201	Jul-13	CHARL WHITE
9	Highlands North, JHB, Gauteng	168	Aug-11	CHARLES JANKELOW
10	Hyde Park, JHB, Gauteng	191	Oct-12	CHARLIE BENTEL
11	Pretoria, Gauteng	108	Jul-08	CHARLIE CERONIO
12	Kempton Park, Gauteng	233	13-Sep-16	CHRIS BARNARD
13	Germiston, Gauteng	69	Jun-07	CHRIS ROBBEN
14	Westonaria, Gauteng	145	Feb-09	DANIEL van der WESTHUIZEN
15	Edenvale, Gauteng	165/166	Jul-11	DARREL and CAROLINE LLOYD
16	Sasolburg, Gauteng	210	Jun-14	DAVE MULLER
17	Olifantsfontein, Gauteng	170/171	Aug-11	DAWID and ANN HIETBERG
18	Pretoria, Gauteng. SOLD his Max.	36	Aug-06	DEON VAN WYK
19	Johannesburg. Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX	5	Nov-05	"DEREK MABIN"
20	Rivonia, JHB, Gauteng	121	Feb-09	DIRK KLYNSMITH
21	Sasolburg, Gauteng	137	Sep-09	DON WENTZEL
22	Carletonville, Gauteng	23	31-Mar-15	EUGENE BARNARD
23	Boksbur, Gauteng	235	22-Sep-16	GEOFFREY CELLIERS
24	Meyerton, Gauteng	115	Nov-08	GERT FOURIE
25	Sandton, JHB, Gauteng	169	Aug-11	GRAEME ARONOWITZ
26	Alberton, Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX.	104	24-Apr-08	GRAHAM HOWARD
27	Alberton, Gauteng.	52	Oct-06	GRANT LEESON
28	Zwartkops Raceway, Centurion, Gauteng	217	19-Dec-14	GREGG van der WESTHUIZEN
29	Brakpan North, Gauteng	232	15-Aug-16	GYS MULDER
30	Greymont Hills, JHB, Gauteng	147	Mar-10	J.P.VIVIERS
31	Glen Mariais, Kempton Park, Gauteng	205	Oct-13	JEAN-PIERRE BUYS
32	Johannesburg, Gauteng	39	Aug-06	JIM BRAMLEY
33	Kempton Park, Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX.	29	Jun-06	JJ van ZYL

34	Menlopark, Pretoria, Gauteng	224	25-May-15	JOHAN van SCHALKWY
35	Andicott A.H. near Springs, Gauteng	74	Nov-11	JOHN COETZEE
36	Pretoria, Gauteng	77	Jul-07	JOHN KNIGHT
37	Eldorado Park, Boksburg, Gauteng	193	12/10/2012	KEVIN DAVIDS
38	Alberton, Gauteng	134	Jul-09	LEON OLIVIER
39	Edenvale, Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX.	209	19-Feb-14	LOUIS MEYER
40	Vereeniging, Gauteng	87	Oct-07	MARIUS MARAIS
41	Krugersdorp, Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX.	7	Jan-06	MARTHINUS LEE
42	Vandyk Park, Boksburg, Gauteng	101	Mar-08	MARTIN van HEERDEN
43	Kensington, JHB, Gauteng	208	Oct-13	MICHAEL LORENCO
44	Honeydew, Gauteng	111	Aug-08	NEWTON HANSCOMBE
45	Vereeniging, Gauteng	154	Sep-10	PAUL RICHTER
46	Pretoria, Gauteng. SOLD HIS MAX.	97	Jan-08	PAUL von WILDENRATH
47	Cresta, JHB, Gauteng	135	Jul-09	PETER SAUNDERS
48	Pretoria, Gauteng	49	Sep-06	PIET KOTZE
49	Randfontein, Gauteng. CHRASHED HIS MAX	156	Nov-10	PIETER ERASMUS
50	Hartbeespoort, Gauteng	139	Jul-09	PIETER HENDERSON
51	Randfontein, Gauteng	92	Dec-07	RAY CLARK
52	Walkerville, Gauteng	57	Dec-06	RICK GREEN
53	Centurion, Pretoria, Gauteng	202	Sep-13	ROB WILLIAMSON
54	Randburg, Gauteng	231	25-Jun-16	RUDI ROUX
55	Sandton, Gauteng	163	Feb-11	TONY GERPINIS
56	Johannesburg, Gauteng	192	Oct-12	VICTOR GIL
57	Atlasville, Boksburg, Gauteng	216	18-Dec-14	VINCE BUITENDAG
58	Sandhurst, JHB, Gauteng	234	22-Sep-16	WILFRID MOULIN
59	Boksburg, Gauteng	241	05-Sep-17	YVONNE DALGLEISH

**INVITATION... TO ANY "ONE" - "TWO" - "THREE" OR MORE OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS TO ORGANISE THE FIRST VMOG JHB CHAPTER "MEET and GREET" or "BREAKFAST RUN"**





WILL THERE EVER BE ANOTHER  
GATHERING.....? ? ?

Marlies.....my Schatzi since 1962.....and I have  
Double-Handedly ORGANISED all past  
Gatherings.

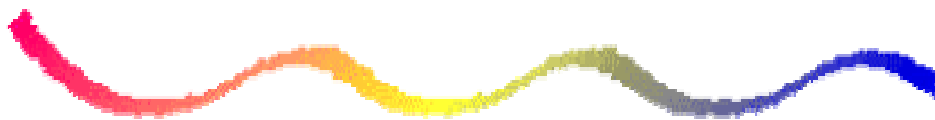
As age is creeping up with us.....we have  
decided not to Organise anymore any other  
Events.

HOWEVER..... I always will be there to  
give a helping hand wherever possible.



**V**OLUNTEERS WANTED.....  
to organise the 2018 SA Vmax Odyssey  
Gathering.

Pleas Guys and Galls..... don't hesitate to  
contact me.....FIRST come FIRST Served.... !!!



# FINALLY....

Come on Guys and Galls.  
Let's include in your 2018 Years  
Resolution a Pledge to.....

**"GIVE OUR GROUP SOME MORE  
VMAXIMUS POWER....!!!"**

Vmaximus greetings  
from the VMOG Team



Hans Knop.....  
your Humble Obedient Chairman.....  
assisted by my Secretary  
the World Renown Globe Trotter and Adventurer  
Hansi DiKnoppio

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