



Hi Chaingangers,

I just had a very interesting call from the Ethiopian Minister for the Environment, they want us to organise a Noon to Moon race so they can break the drought! Cheeky git! I am of course joking but what the freek? I think I can count on two fingers the number of rainless N2M's we've had, and this year was a doozy, no dramatic deluge or tropical monsoon, no for 2014 we had a relentless soak not unlike a Japanese traditional torture. To start with the slightly damp trail was absolutely perfect, tacky and sweet, you could lean super low and push the front tyre without it breaking free, Dennis's trails were superb, hard, grippy and flowy. After the initial first lap chaos we all settled into a rythmn and lap times were regular and fast, then the drizzle came down, before long two wheel slides and useless braking slowed the pace by minutes. The darkness and constant shower soon decimated the field down to the top 15 or so teams with a smattering of fun riders who were determined to test Pebbles showers and their own washing machines! Despite this we increased numbers and everyone who pitched up had a blast, many had come for pure year end fun and the rain is always a factor so hopefully we can grow it again next year, we've already made a commitment to evolve and improve so next year will be even more of a party but more user friendly as it were!

Next weekend is the **Sabie Xperience** so this weekend is the last chance to get in some final training, don't forget that the 16th is also the date for the **VALENCIA RECONCILIATION RIDE**, its not a race but an opportunity to enjoy 60kms of Sabie's finest trails with no pressure and the opportunity to take it easy and enjoy the stunning scenery. Entries at www.entrytime.com or on the morning of the race, more info at www.sabiexperience.co.za

At one time or another every mountain biker gives blood, normally its up against a tree or splattered onto thorn bushes, the thing is for a community so used to giving of the red stuff, as well as having the ER on speed dial, you'd think we'd be willing to donate some of it for a good cause, I'm not talking about sexy vampire chicks on 'True Blood' I'm talking about SANBS. The guys will be

parked out at Valencia this Saturday and will accept donations from anyone of legal age, please give it a go and leave it in a bag, not on a rock! They even accept blue Smurf blood!

Chainsuck.

And what happened to 2014? It's blown by faster than David George's doping ban, one minute I was getting ready for the Sabie Classic and here we are again! What really sucks though is how busy 2015 is going to be, I've attached the latest version of the calendar but at this rate we'll be having races mid week to get em all in! Anyway the best news is that if you get up early in the morning you can enjoy a ton of races in 2015, what actually sucks is choosing what to do, the Provincial Cross Country is up first so better get them skills honed!

On a bit more serious 'Suck' note and almost a connect to the blood donation plea, I hear that the new Airport trail has now morphed into red Bull Rampage and is taking victims like Bokom Haram, collar bones, arms, wrists, no body part is safe. It does beg the question though, just because you think you can doesn't mean you should try! I can also pull endless wheelies, drop road gaps and back flip 20m kickers...but then I wake up and make coffee. If you can't make the XCO drop at Mankele then don't even bother - stay in bed lest you end up in ICI peeing thru a tube.

DO NOT MISS!!!

SABIE XPERIENCE!!!!

Entries are closing for this most awesome of year end races so go to www.sabiexperience.co.za and get yours in NOW!

Also on the 16th December is the Valencia Reconciliation Race! - a regular 60km marathon for guys wishing to make the best of the holiday!

All can be entered at the website and the Valencia race up until race day! Or call Sandy at 0137643500

BTW, for all the latest MTB news and general skinny follow me on Twitter - @brettmtb, Im also using it to announce rides now as well as sms.

See ya on the dirt!

Cheers Brett.

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