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INTRODUCTION:

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It is sent in good faith to promote positive 4x4-ing and sharing of much needed information in the industry. It is not deemed to be SPAM mail and is sent in the spirit of creating a better 4x4 and outdoor related industry in South Africa.

TRAILS & TRIBULATIONS:

Hi all outdoor enthusiasts!

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And here we are, less than 3 months to Christmas, About 6 weeks left for the senior school children, and those of you with children in matric have just realised 12 years of education is now almost over. Yahoo!!! Why, well if it is your last young one, now it is time to start taking those breaks in non school holiday periods, when it is quieter, less expensive and less crowded! Engage 4WD and see the world!

Late – yes, the newsletter is late due to time pressure. We did an extensive 1 week sojourn down to Namaqualand / West Coast area, visiting the De Beers mining concession to drive 2 trails and then on to Kamieskroon, Hondeklipbaai and surrounding areas. Absolutely awesome – but more of that later. Then I was off to a conference, and have been working like mad this weekend to catch up. So here it is. Enjoy.

Many of you would have heard of the Lesotho Bike Incident which gained much negative publicity for the country. We have also previously been 'stoned' in Lesotho (no, not the green stuff!). I took the matter up personally with the Lesotho delegation at the recent Getaway Show and had very fruitful discussions with them. I think we can even play a role in making their tourism more focused and value add. I attach some copies of correspondence re the matter (which was never published by the magazine that printed the first allegations) for interesting reading.

Yes, we visited the West Coast in the Namaqualand Region, and for many on the tour it was a first. Sleeping with waves crashing around you, waking up to that fresh sea smell, a stunning seafood dinner at a local guest house and much much more. It is tours and friends like this that make life in the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club a memorable one.

The new GME radio sales are booming. Just remember radios need licences, and so you need to be a member of a club to use the ORRA route, or off to ICASA you go. Whatever, the new radios are stunning and are working well. I recently attended an evening at the Land Rover Owners Club, where Mike Ilsely, their chairman, gave an interesting talk on 29 MHz radios. I will be approaching Mike to address one of our audiences at the next meeting, as it is well worth listening to.

Talking about meetings, my sincere apologies to one and all re my critical illness at the last meeting. My wife took me to the emergency rooms of our doctors, who were adamant at submitting me to Unitas, due to severe dehydration due to an acute gastro virus. Hell, I have never felt that bad in many years. Thanks to Frans & Jonathan who tried to rescue the matter on very short notice. It is an issue when you do most of these things alone, but they coped well I believe. Well, a few days later and I was back on my feet and raring to go.

Very soon the major Auto Show hits Joburg. Be sure not to miss it. The finals of the GPS Challenge are to be held later this month, with the regional winners converging on Gauteng to battle for the number 1 spot. Watch the press and view some of the last few heats in the latest Leisure Wheels, out on Monday.

Well, need to get this newsletter out before we head off to a club social to watch Grease at the Barnyard Theatre later today, so until the next edition. Drive safely.

Yours in 4x4ing.

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SHOW / TRAINING / OTHER EVENTS:

Herewith a range of activities for the enthusiast. It will be updated monthly, as we discover more things to do, new training courses and club events that change. So actively watch it. All the big shows are listed here for 2006 already – so diarise!

- GPS Challenge – Finals 22 October 2006
- Monthly Enthusiasts Meeting for all (Date To Be Confirmed)
- De Wildt 4x4 Day Trip – 14 October 2006
- Ezemvelo Weekend – 27-29 October 2006
- Auto Africa Show starts

ADVERTORIAL (March 2006):

NAVIGATORS FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE ADVENTURES

Navigators specialises in exclusive yet affordable 4x4 safaris and expeditions in Southern Africa, with the emphasis on professionalism, service-excellence, and value-for-money tours. With either our fully-inclusive "Booked-Seat", or tag-along "Self-Drive" options to choose from, we meet the needs of adventurous local and international travellers who want small-group or private tours to wilderness and wildlife destinations, in a non-competitive environment where safety and service is key.

To retain the small-group nature of our tours and enhance your enjoyment and bush experience, we offer a limited number of places only on each tour – we therefore encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. Below is a selection of some of our "set departures" in the coming months that still have places available.

Visit our website at <http://www.navigators4wd.co.za> for general details on our tours and services, or e-mail us at info@navigators4wd.co.za for specific details and pricing on our safaris and expeditions. Alternatively, contact our office on landline +27 (0) 21 689 1825 or Chris Schlimper on mobile +27 (0) 83 675 3484.

NOVEMBER 2006: "Kalahari Black-Maned Lions" Wilderness & Wildlife Safari – 10 Days

Tour highlights include: The Mabuasehube Pans region of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; great wildlife viewing with possible sightings of the magnificent Kalahari lions; 4x4 Wilderness Trail with fantastic bush camp. "The remote and unspoilt beauty of the Botswana side of the Park is what makes this safari truly special..."

Dates: Friday 10 November to Sunday 19 November 2006 (Cape Town to Cape Town).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Saturday 14 October 2006.

Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

DECEMBER 2006: "Baviaanskloof & Addo" Wilderness & Wildlife Tour – 7 Days

Tour highlights include: Great wilderness areas & bush camps; excellent elephant and general wildlife viewing; interesting yet relaxed off-road driving challenges. "This tour is a must for nature lovers, and anyone who enjoys peace and solitude..."

Dates: Saturday 2 December to Friday 8 December 2006 (Cape Town to Cape Town).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 20 October 2006.

Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

DECEMBER 2006: "Richtersveld Mountain Desert Wilderness Experience" – 6 Days

Explore this unique and beautiful wilderness area with its amazing rock formations and spectacular scenery. Other highlights include: The solitude of a unique mountain-desert wilderness; scenic campsites next to the Orange River and on the plateau; interesting driving challenges.

Dates: Sunday 10 December to Friday 15 December 2006 (Cape Town to Cape Town).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 27 October 2006.

Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

JANUARY 2007: "Bushmanland, Caprivi, Vic Falls & Kubu Island" Expedition – 14 Days

This expedition-style tour incorporates many highlights and photographic opportunities, including: Khaudum; Popa Falls; secluded reserves in the Okavango panhandle (Caprivi); Victoria Falls (Zambia); Chobe River and Kubu Island (Botswana); opportunity to see rare and interesting wildlife; great wilderness campsites; varied and interesting driving challenges...

Dates: Monday 8 January to Sunday 21 January 2007 (Windhoek to Francistown).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 9 November 2006.

Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

FEBRUARY 2007: "Kalahari Black-Maned Lions" Wilderness & Wildlife Safari – 10 Days

Dates: Friday 9 February to Sunday 18 February 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 16 December 2006.

Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

MARCH 2007: "Richtersveld Mountain Desert Wilderness Experience" – 6 Days
Dates: Saturday 3 March to Thursday 8 March 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 19 January 2007.
Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

MARCH 2007: "Kalahari Black-Maned Lions" Wilderness & Wildlife Safari – 10 Days
Dates: Friday 16 March to Sunday 25 March 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 26 January 2007.
Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

APRIL 2007: Kaokoveld "Desert Elephants & Himba" Tour – 12 Days
Dates: Monday 9 April to Wednesday 18 April 2007 (Windhoek to Windhoek).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 16 February 2007.
Maximum of 6 vehicles only.

E-mail us at info@navigator4wd.co.za for further details and pricing on this tour.

HIT THE TRAIL – NEWS, EVENTS, PLACES & FEATURES:

LEISURE WHEELS ON SALE

The latest issue of Leisure Wheels goes on sale Monday 9 October, with 178 pages of Motoring Adventure. The editorial team went far and wide to gather stories -- even to Argentina to put a Toyota Fortuner through its paces.

Then it was off to Zimbabwe to rediscover Discovery and free-fall at the Falls before winging their way to Namibia's Namib Desert to report on the finals of the Spirit of Africa competition. A correspondent joined the 4x4 Eco Challenge finalists on a giant 3400km loop that took contestants deep into Mozambique before circling back into South Africa via sections of the Kruger National Park that are closed to normal tourist traffic.

The magazine reports on Mozambique's empty corner where you don't see other tourists, ten Namaqualand stayovers, Mazeppa magic, a 3-day 4x4 trail, the Hwange Game Reserve, and roads less travelled in Zambia.

Then there's the usual mix of road tests, 4x4 trails and new model news -- including the yet to be launched new Hyundai Santa Fe. All in a bumper issue.

MAPS, BOOKS, CDs & DVDs CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

The 4-buy-4 direct stores' catalogue of products is now available in full colour on the club's website. Select www.4x4offroadclub.co.za, and then select the page by clicking the logo in the top right hand corner. A PDF document with a full order and price list is available for all to use.

AN ALTERNATIVE STAY OVER (CAMPING) TO 'DIE EILAND' – UPINGTON

I regularly read complaints in the magazines and forums re staying over in Upington, when en route to the Kgalagadi or Namibia. Based on this, I recently decided to turn off at the UIZIP OORD sign about 15-20km's before Upington on our recent West Coast excursion, and discovered behind the barren koppies and shrubs, a green, grass camping haven on the Orange River. A previous school camping and dorm site, it has GREAT facilities, and is run by a superb young couple. Only R30 per head.

Stay there next time. UIZIP OORD, Tel 054 3380283 / Fax 054 338 0283 / Cell 082 492 8307

TRAVELLING IN THE NORTHERN CAPE – STAY AT THE COSY MOUNTAIN GEM!!!!

This site offers bush (mountain) camp sites (3 of), with 2 ablution units with running water, flush loo, lighting and HOT showers. No electricity. Alternatively, they have room in the guesthouse at the farm house.

Owned & run by ex club members from Centurion, Peter and Estelle ELLA, this is a must stay in the Kamieskroon district if you are visiting Namaqua National Park, the Hondeklipbaai area or De Beers in Koinaas / Kleinsee area.

We even had them cater a 'skaapnek potjie' with dumplings, fresh farm bread and pudding for our group recently. I feel like getting in my 4x4 and driving back right now! It was awesome.

Contact them on cosymountain@mweb.co.za or +27 27 672 1113. Do it before you miss the boat! It is great...

RENT A SATPHONE

MBV SatCom Africa, a leader in the provision of Satellite Communications equipment for the African Traveller, 4x4 Enthusiasts, Lodge owners and Installation teams have recently launched an innovative Africa Emergency Contact Package that is specifically geared towards providing a traveller, or groups of travellers with emergency communications on the go. The package provides a user with an Iridium Satellite phone and all the accessories, for the duration of the trip as well as a 30 Minute talk time package that will enable the user to make and receive phone calls and sms's anywhere in Africa.

Call Costs are competitively priced at +- R10 per minute (Cell Roaming can cost up to R18 per minute from some places in Africa)

Package Price (Excl Vat):

R 1100.00 for the first week and R900.00 per week for every subsequent week or R2700 per Month. R 300.00 Airtime (30 Minutes)

Insurance: Equipment must be fully ensured for all risks by the user

Contact Frans Verwoerd 0827747070 / Renier Balt 082 4607069

4x4 SHOW AT ECHO4x4 IN CENTURION – 21 OCTOBER 2006

Beste Alan, Kom ek vertel jou gou wat ons gaan doen die 21ste Oktober:

Ons het van 9:00am tot 16:00pm 'n ope dag waarin ons die nuwe Chobe 2 wat soveel aandag verdien het op die Getaway Skou, en ons die prys "THE INNOVATOR AWARD" laat verdien het, weer te sien gaan wees.

Kieno van Jakaranda Fm gaan ons deur die dag vermaak en Willie en die wenspan gaan die kinders besig hou. Dit is waarlik 'n skou vir die hele gesin. Daar gaan so baie wees om te doen en dan praat ek nie van al die kos wat beskikbaar gaan wees nie. Iemand wat nie die skou bywoon nie gaan baie mis.

Die aand sluit ons af met 'n Dozi Show, die kaartjies is beskikbaar by my so die mense kan gerus skakel ek het beperkte plek, ons kan slegs 300 mense akkommodeer. "Corporate besprekings" welkom!

Ek kan geskakel word by: 012-345-3333

Groete
Sandy @ Echo.

EXPERIENCE ROARING LIONS, CLOSE UP AND PERSONAL

Join Alan Goodway & Alex Smit on a Lion Breeding farm in the North West Province for a fully catered camping weekend, at low low rates, where you will be 'in touch' with breeding lions and their offspring – only a fence away in fact. Play with the cubs, see the tigers, crocs, wild dogs etc. Go for a game drive. Hear the roar of the dominant male, the calls of the females, all in an idyllic camping site – this is open to anybody, with a maximum participation of 15 families camping. There is a pool and electricity, and grass camping sites. Excellent ablutions.

Send an email to 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za with LION in the content field. Dates are 17, 18 & 19 November 2006, and at a total cost of approximately R400 per head for the weekend. No 4x4 needed. Camping only. 2 meals per day.

AUTO AFRICA SHOW

Experience auto mania at the Auto Africa motor show with Toyota Clubhouse where you're always a VIP.

The race is on as the automotive event of the year approaches! Auto Africa showcases everything vehicle related from trucks to passenger cars and everything that goes into manufacturing and maintaining them. The 2006 event is being held at Johannesburg's Expo Centre, NASREC, from 28 October to 5 November 2006.

Toyota Clubhouse has 25 double VIP tickets up for grabs for our valued members to attend Auto Africa in style. In addition to your tickets, you and your partner will be hosted in our hospitality venue and treated to a delicious meal like the true V.I.P that you are! Entries for the lucky draw close on the 16th October 2006. So what are you waiting for [enter now](#) ...

Auto Africa is renowned as an excellent platform from which to launch new products, so be prepared to "ooh" and "ah" as you watch automotive trends in the making...

This years' exhibition promises to be the biggest and best Commercial Vehicle and Road Transport Exhibition presented in Africa to date. Auto Africa provides an ideal pit-stop for checking out Toyota's Formula 1 car, our futuristic concept car and being the first to see the newest models, launching at the show. You'll also get to experience the Toyota 4X4 track. The event also boasts some great Workshops and enough fun to really race your motor. For more information visit www.toyota.co.za/autoafrica

GOOD NEWS FOR MOZAMBIQUE TRAVELLERS

Dear Alan,

Compulsory Third Party Insurance for vehicles and trailers travelling to Mozambique will be available from all Outdoor Warehouse branches across South Africa from 11 September 2006. The policies are underwritten by Hollard Seguros Mozambique.

In case of an accident Hollard also offers 24/7 assistance as part of their Third Party Insurance package. Clients are requested to visit www.outdoorwarehouse.co.za to obtain contact details of the branch closest to them or contact Mozambique Tourism Bureau during office hours on (013) 737 6533 or 082 903 5589 for more information or reservations.

Clients can obtain Third Party Insurance in advance and save time at border posts. Cover is valid for 30 days and commences on date of entry into Mozambique. Current premium: Vehicle R150 and Trailer R 80.

PLEASE NOTE: Only registered vehicles/trailers are required to obtain the obligatory Mozambique Third Party Liability Insurance. Quad bikes and boats do not fall under this category.

Medical Evacuation Insurance is not compulsory, but is available from Mozambique Tourism Bureau. SA drivers licence is accepted in Moz, international drivers licence not required.

Vehicle requirements for Mozambique:

1. When towing, display blue and yellow triangle on right front of towing vehicle and right back of trailer.
2. Blue and yellow triangle not required if not towing.
3. All SA registered vehicles/trailers must display black and white ZA sticker.
4. All vehicles must carry 2 red emergency triangles. To be put on road - front and back of broken down vehicle.

All products mentioned in point 1-4 above are available from Outdoor Warehouse branches.

Thank you for the interesting information and travel stories in your monthly News Letter.

Kind regards

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LESOTHO MATTERS RE SAFETY

This response is based on an article apparently published in Bike SA and on forums on the internet, where a group of SA bikers picked up alleged strife in Lesotho during their travels. It was sent to me after a lengthy discussion at the Getaway show about our own personal experiences in Lesotho with regard to stone throwing – something the 4x4 community has been experiencing for a long time. Editor

Dear Mr Alan Goodway,

Thank you very much for showing interest in the promotion of Lesotho tourism. We appreciate your offer to enable us to share with the travel trade and public in SA regarding the actions we are taking to make sure that LEGITIMATE tourists have an enjoyable stay and experience in Lesotho.

Attached is a copy of the response we sent to Bikesa, which unfortunately did not get published in spite of our asking. I also attach a sample of the kind of experiences we are used to hearing from visitors to Lesotho (safety1tourism.doc)

Kind regards

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www.ltdc.org.ls

I have to first stress the fact that Basotho are a peaceful and very hospitable people. It takes a lot of provoking and disregard of our norms and values to get us irked to the point of violent retaliation that would lead to the incidence that is reported in your magazine (Bike SA June 2006). Stories of alleged harassment of tourists and vandalism to their property have recently been exchanged in chat forums and print media. As the national tourism authority, the Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation feels it is necessary to provide a response that will inform people of the following:

1. Steps that have been taken since the incidence was first reported to us in order to strengthen systems regarding safety on tourist routes.

2. The facts emerging from the on going investigation to give a perspective to some of the reported incidences.
 3. Proper etiquette tips to travellers as they interact with the peace-loving people of this beautiful country on their travels through.
- (1) **Steps taken:** On receiving information about the incidence in which Mr Claus Pille and his party reportedly lost their bikes due to alleged vandalism by local people.
- a. We prompted the police to expedite the investigation.
 - b. We sent a letter of apology to the aggrieved and asked for any additional information that could help us find the culprits (GPS coordinates, names of places as they appear on the map, photos etc. (attached)
 - c. Parallel to that a process of assessment of the underlying causes for this alleged violent behaviour towards tourists has been started by us. This will lead to a fuller understanding that will allow us to prescribe a targeted remedy.
 - d. We will then design a specific awareness campaign to address the problem areas with both locals and visitors (tourists) alike. This approach has found support from the highest authority – the Minister of Tourism, Environment and Culture who will play a role in the campaign. The Minister is ready to go out and hold public gatherings with communities that will be identified as trouble spots.
- (2) **Emerging Facts:** We do not condone acts of violence and vandalism irrespective of who they are coming from. We expect the same from our visitors. However, in the information from our investigations we get facts that indicate behaviour on the part of Mr. Pille's group that could have easily soured relations between them and the locals. These include:
- a. Rowdy, drunken behaviour on arrival at Katse on evening of 29th April 2006. At this time they knew nothing yet about their allegedly vandalized bikes. Yet one of Mr. Pille's group, unfortunately known to us only as Christa, harassed security guards, going into a guardhouse, breaking windows while shouting she does not feel safe there. Hardly a way to act when not feeling safe even at home in one's own country.
 - b. The hotel staff at Katse dam also attest to the extent of drunken behaviour by the group as a whole displayed even the following morning on the 30th April 2006 even though at this stage no member of the group was violent.
 - c. Requests from the police to be taken to the places where these alleged vandalism happened were flatly denied. It raises questions when a person who reports a crime to police refuses to take law enforcers to crime scene.
- (3) **Etiquette & general common sense:** It goes without saying that before visiting any place, logically one educates oneself about the place to visit. Obviously Mr. Pille's group did not do this. Had they done so they would have ended in places they did not plan to camp one night. Even when they did end up in an "unknown" village they did not approach the chief, choosing instead to make dealings with their "English speaking" gentleman. Common sense anywhere would have dictated that when faced with an incapacitated bike, the group would have approached a nearby village to leave the bikes in someone's custody, not just leave it by the wayside. How this logic escaped a group at least eight grown ups is not understandable.
- (4) In the light of all the above we advise travelers to stay on well known routes and travel with a at least one person who is knowledgeable about basic do's and don'ts in Lesotho. Below is basic information regarding these.
- a. Say a friendly greeting "Dumela" or "khotso". This will normally break the ice and provoke an equally friendly greeting "Dumela" or "Khotso"
 - b. If asked for sweets or cigarettes the best reply is to say "nako e tlang" which means another time or "cigarette e kotsi" which means cigarettes are dangerous.

When preceded by a friendly greeting this will normally prevent the situation from escalating into a hostile.

- c. The biggest hindrance in most cases is that some travelers think of local people as primitive and that it is below them to make small talk. This is what creates the hostility. So be friendly, even if the language barrier exists, the expressions will counter that.
- d. As far as is possible use tour operators who regularly make trips to Lesotho. They have established relations with local communities and will spare you any unpleasant surprises.
- e. Ask for the chief when you arrive at a village near which you intend to camp.

But wait – see this response from some other bikers.....

Hi Jennifer and Rosemary,

Once again, thank you very much for a great weekend at Ramabanta Trading Post. This is a weekend we will always remember.

As you know, Bret and I had a close encounter on Friday afternoon with our bikes. We were riding our bikes all day and within seconds the weather turned and it started snowing, raining and got pitch black. It was so dark we could not even see 30cm in front of us. We asked numerous people for directions to get back to camp, but everyone pointed in different directions.

We eventually saw a light in the distance, followed it and got to a village, named Ha Raboshabane where chief Morena Motebang Maama immediately took us in for the night and gave us absolutely every blanket they could just to keep us warm. They were also willing to give us their food, even though they didn't have much themselves.

Kindly inform us regarding their needs. To show our gratitude, we would like to supply them with either food, blankets, educational supplies - anything that they need.

Awaiting your quick response.

Kind Regards

Jan Berning

NEW, KILLER TB CROSSING BORDERS

2006-09-07 23:00:03http://www.news24.com/Images/Photos/20060907200257TB_emblem.jpg**A killer strain of tuberculosis has been found in at least 28 hospitals across SA and almost certainly has spilled across borders.** Johannesburg

A killer strain of extremely drug-resistant tuberculosis has been found in at least 28 hospitals across South Africa and almost certainly has spilled across borders, a specialist said on Thursday. The virtually untreatable super bug could jeopardise efforts to deal with the Aids pandemic, said experts.

And, the doctor who discovered the new strain in KwaZulu-Natal noted it was so virulent that patients died even before doctors received the results of their tests. Experts note that TB diagnostics haven't changed in 100 years and TB medication in 50 years. They blame the fact that it's largely a disease of the poor - often spread by overcrowding when an infected person sneezes or coughs and the airborne bacteria infect someone else. Last year, the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, a non-profit organisation, began tests on a new treatment that would halve the time of treatment to two or three months.

Nine million new cases a year

This lowers the risks of developing resistant strains and expanding the number of patients receiving treatment. At present, about nine million new active cases of TB develop each year and about two million people die. About 200 million more people will fall ill with TB by 2020 and 35 million will die, according to the alliance's projections.

In South Africa, no one knows how many people are infected with the particularly virulent strain announced last week, Professor Willem Sturm told the conference. This highlighted the dilemma facing already overburdened health workers. Victims in South Africa were "all over the place... "You can almost be sure there will be infection in Mozambique and even farther (abroad) because people travel, and quite some distance," said Sturm.

Killed 52 of 53 patients

The two-day meeting included experts from the United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and from 14 southern and central African nations. The new extremely drug-resistant TB strain was discovered by rural doctor Tony Moll in eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, where it killed 52 of 53 HIV-positive patients within 16 days during a study carried out from January 2005 to March 2006.

Sturm, a microbiologist at KwaZulu-Natal University's Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, said he had gathered reports from hospitals around the country this past week. They showed at least 28 hospitals had at least one patient with the new strain, but indicated others could be dying from it without ever being tested.

Patients died suddenly

The super bug is particularly dangerous for countries with high HIV rates that fuel a TB epidemic which, in turn, endangers uninfected people. Moll became suspicious that he had a super bug on his hands when patients responded well to antiretroviral treatment, then suddenly died. "What's the point in investing hugely in ARV programs if patients die a few weeks later from extreme drug-resistant tuberculosis?" said Dr. Paul Nunn, head of the United Nations World Health Organisation's TB resistance programme, on the sidelines of the conference.

The South African government estimates more than 5.5 million of the country's 44 million people are HIV-positive - second only to India - and more than 900 people die each day.

Must complete treatment

At any given time, about 330 000 South Africans have TB and 6 000 have a multiple drug-resistant variant. Half the population is believed to have latent TB. Drug-resistance grows when people do not complete a gruelling six-month regimen of medication that cures the disease. That's difficult in a country where most people are poor and where taking the medication on an empty stomach makes one ill.

It also is difficult when one might have to walk half a day to the nearest health centre, which might be out of medication, and where there is high illiteracy. Multiple drug-resistant TB does not respond to a "first line" of drugs that in South Africa cost about R400 to cure a patient, compared to R24 000 to cure multiple drug-resistant TB. Extremely drug-resistant strains do not respond to a "second line" of drugs.

The health department said this week it was exploring the feasibility of importing two even-more-expensive drugs that might help.

NEW 29/27 MHZ COMBO RADIOS LAUNCHED

At last a new 29 MHz radio is available in South Africa. The 29 MHz band is used by offroad enthusiasts and ski boaters alike and the Australian company GME have introduced the GX300 into the South African market. <http://www.grstrading.co.za/29meg.htm>

The GX300 is an innovative new design incorporating both 29 MHz Marine/Offroad Band and 27 MHz Citizen Band transceivers into one unit. (Only available if you hold both licenses) The GX300 is available in Black or white and allows the user to easily switch between Marine/Offroad and CB modes to suit the installation.

With features such as Memory Channel Scan, Emergency/Priority Channel Recall, Dual Watch, Large Back-lit Display, very effective Noise Limiter and waterproof design (IP55) the GX300 covers virtually all aspects of 29 MHz communication on land or sea in one unit. The front mounted speaker provides loud clear reception and the channel controls on the microphone make operation easy. The GX300 is supplied with a gimbal mounting bracket, but with a depth of just 70mm, the GX300 is also perfectly suited to Flush Mounting (using the optional flush mount kit).

Large back-lit LCD display with Lamp Dimming Function
Rotary Squelch Control
Programmable Memory Channel Scan
Advanced Noise Limiter (NL) Circuitry
User Selection of South African 29 MHz Channels
Channel 88 and Priority channel selector key
Dual Watch feature
Water proof design (IP55) protects against water spray
Available in Black or white in SA
Remote Channel Change Function Microphone
Multiple mounting options (flush or Gimbal mount)
Provision for 10 Private Channels (GME Programmable Option Only)

This incredible radio is available from:

Cape Town (Distributors) www.grstrading.co.za
GRS Trading Tel: (021) 913 1262 sales@grstrading.co.za

Gauteng

4-buy-4direct store: 4buy4direct@mweb.co.za

Port Elizabeth

William Shaw Tel: 083 270 4396 wtshaw@mweb.co.za

The suggested retail price for the GX300 is R1140 including VAT. NOTE: Licencing is required for radios at sale time!

LATEST ACTION PACKED DRIVE OUT NOW AVAILABLE

Hi Alan, Hope you are well and not too busy!

The latest Drive Out is printed and will be in stores from Monday. I thought I would drop you some information about issue 16 in the hopes you could let your members know that the latest issue is now on sale. We've changed the cover a little but hopefully people will still recognize their Drive Out on shelf!

Drive Out, issue 16

The October/November issue of Drive Out is on the shelves. It is dedicated to their late trails editor, Megan Herselman, who was tragically murdered in a botched hijacking in Gauteng in June. There is a new editor at the helm of Drive Out. Ami Kapilevich takes over from Andrew Nunneley, who stays on as the magazine's publisher.

Some of the highlights of the issue include:

- The 2006 Drive Out Gravel Challenge

The challenge is simple: drive coast-to-coast of South Africa without driving on tar. The inaugural 2006 Drive Out Gravel Challenge saw Andy Davis and Nick Aldridge drive from Lambert's Bay on the west coast to Port St Johns on the East coast in the new V6 Touareg. Did they drive on tar? Find out in the latest issue.

- 7 new Feature Trails

Drive Out strives to be the most up-to-date and comprehensive trails information guide in South Africa.

- Cut your fuel bill by 20%

With the fuel price hovering around the R7/litre mark, we offer some expert advice to 4x4 drivers to cut their fuel bill.

- Northern Mozambique

Southern Mozambique - been there, done that. But the northern region of this magnificent country is still an undiscovered frontier. Drive Out gives you practical tips and advice on furthering your horizons beyond Beira, from seasoned Mozambique adventurer, Mike Copeland.

- Tyres

When it comes to tyres, everybody has an opinion. We sift through some of the myths and get advice from the likes of Kingsley Holgate and Alan Goodway about tyres - their best and worst!

Plus: Meiringspoort, Dakar-Timbuktu-Cape Town, new vehicle reviews, a comprehensive Buyer's Guide and much more.

Andrew Nunneley

Publisher: New Media Publishing

TYRECHECKERS USAGE FROM A GREAT SAND DRIVER HIMSELF

Just some feedback on the products you sent me. The tyre pressure monitoring system that I installed in both the Land Cruiser bakkies that Westcoast 4x4 use in the dunes, Namibia are working excellent. Coastways Tours in Luderitz also bought a set and they are very impressed with the system.

Westcoast 4x4 and Coastway Tours take people on guided 4x4 tours through the Namib Desert and tyre pressure on our vehicles are very important. This is the reason why we invest in your products and the results are excellent, to be able to see your tyre pressure at all time, give you confidence and makes driving in the sand / dunes so much easier.

The tyre checkers and deflators are also in use and work well -- thanks for the prompt and outstanding service!

4x4 Greetings
Don Niewhoudt

(See the article in the latest SA 4x4 magazine. Ed.)

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Training: GPS Training – A MUST DO COURSE!!!!

Date: Saturday 18 November 2006 – Course with basic practice

Sunday 19 November 2006 (**optional** extended practical) – 3 hours from 08h30 – 11h30 (FREE)

Please indicate if you will attend BOTH sessions.

Time: 08h30 – 16h30

Area: Pretoria / Centurion

Venue: To be advised - – final venue details to all attendees once bookings and payment received

Target Activity: Theory & Practical training in GPS Technology & Usage covering:

Satellite Navigation theory

Faults and error in the system and problem areas

Datums, Projections, Co-ordinate systems (Includes practical)

GPS screens

GPS menus

Configuration of your GPS

Practical route (GoTo's, Routes and BackTrak)

Etc.

Includes 35 page manual & 1:50 000 map

Lecturer is the navigation guru in the Gauteng industry – Kevin Bolton

Cost: R350 (AAWDC aligned club membership)

R630 (non 4x4 Club members), inclusive of a light lunch & cooldrink, map, certificate, manual

Minimum 8 candidates to host course, this year MAXIMUM 15 people per course
Certificate issued.

RSVP by: 1 November 2006 – 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za

Payment by: 1 November 2006 –details will be sent to all candidates

GPS CHALLENGE – GAUTENG FINAL LEG – WINNER'S FEEDBACK

Kevin / Alan

Now who would have guessed! Armed with only a GPS and a spirit for adventure and fun, there we were, in the winning circle!

We started the day off not with winning as our destination, but to have fun and to enjoy the day. By the time we reached the end point, we had learnt more, not only about navigation or using a GPS, but also on the history and culture of our beautiful country. You could clearly see Kevin went out of his way to incorporate some very interesting and educational stops. All which made the day so much more enjoyable.

From Natalie and I, a big thank-you for all the effort, time and dedication that went into planning and executing this GPS Challenge heat. Also a note of thanks to all the sponsors involved, especially Garmin and Bridgestone for the lovely prizes we received.

Thank-you,
Morné & Natalie vd Westhuizen

(Ed. All the SA finalists will battle it out on the weekend of 22 October to see who is the ultimate GPS Fundi of SA!)

HELP WITH FUNDING PLEASE.....

With rampant development taking place all around the reserve, most of which is not in keeping with the natural surroundings, the committee believes that in order to protect the integrity of the reserve, the time has arrived to effectively oppose all untoward and often illegal developments around the reserve. In order to do so, it is necessary to raise sufficient funds so that legal and other professional advisors can be employed.

Interested in helping out or want to find out more. See calendar at
<http://www.outdooradventures.co.za> – Fundraising events for Nature Conservation.

Aileen

SURVIVAL COURSE ON OFFER

Please note our dates scheduled for 4X4 Survival Courses.

The dates are as follows:

14/15 Oct.

21/22 Oct.

Interested parties may contact Koos or Isobelle Moorcroft directly re further enquiries / bookings - kmoor@telkomsa.net

INTERESTING CHEETAH FACTS

Cheetah (family: Felidae)

The cheetah is aerodynamically built for speed and can accelerate from zero to 40 mph in three strides and to full speed of 70 mph in seconds. As the cheetah runs, only one foot at a time touches the ground. There are two points, in its 20 to 25 foot stride when no feet touch the ground, as they are fully extended and then totally doubled up.

The cheetah's respiratory rate climbs from 60 to 150 breaths per minute during a high-speed chase and can run only 400 to 600 yards before it is exhausted; at this time it is extremely vulnerable to other predators, which may not only steal its prey, but attack it as well.

Supplied by Navigators Four Wheel Drive Adventures - info@navigator4wd.co.za

HEKPOORT 4x4 FEES NAWEEK

Hekpoort hou 'n groot 4 x 4 naweek die 7 de en 8ste Oktober 2006. Die *Saterdag* toets bestuurders en hul 4x4 voertuie hul bestuursvernuif op ons uiters uitdagende baan. Die baan loop deur die Magaliesrivier wat beteken dit is 'n asemrowende gebied.

Baie en groot pryse te wen !!!

"Giant Gladiator", springkastele, Quadbikes, stalletjies en vele meer om die gesin te vermaak. *Nadine* met maar danseresse tree as gaskunstenaar direk na prysuitdeling op! Biertuin met "Big screen" vir Currie Cup Semi-finale asook heerlike kos beskikbaar. Veilige oornag kampstaanplek met geriewe vir dié wat by ons wil kamp is beskikbaar vir slegs 'n donasie!

Ons organiseerders bied die dag al vir 8 jaar met groot sukses aan, dus kan u verseker wees van 'n goed georganiseerde naweek. Op die *Sondag* 8 Oktober 2006, het ons 'n "eenkeer in 'n leeftyd" roete deur verskeie wildsplase tot bo-op die Magaliesberg waar 'n ontbyt bedien sal word.

Kostes

Saterdag:

Kompetisie – R200 inskrywingsgelde
(Bestuurder en navigator toegang ingesluit)

Toegang:

Slegs R20 per persoon (Ander)

Sondag roete:

R200 per voertuig (ontbyt ingesluit) Vir voertuie wat nie die Saterdag gery het nie. Voertuie wat Saterdag gery het betaal slegs R30 per persoon vir die ontbyt!

Kontak:

Alex 072 307 8265 of Jaco 082 854 5422 vir meer inligting!

Hoop om julle daar te sien! Maak dit 'n heerlike feesnaweek! Bespreek vroegtydig u plek om terleurstelling te voorkom.

ECOTEK PRODUCT LAUNCH COMPETITION

Hi All, as part of the Ecotek product launch in South Africa we are running a very large competition. For every can of **Power Boost Engine Energiser** or **Ecotek 100 Synthetic Oil Additive** purchase through Phase1racing.co.za your name will go into the draw for a single prize of up to **R30 000.00** The prize fund total will depend on the amount of entries so the more you

spread the word the larger the Cheque to one lucky person will be. The competition closes on the 24th of November 2006 and everyone will be notified on the phase1racing forum of where the draw will be happening. I'm sure everyone would love to stand in line for a prize like this. If you win it then that could be a great bonus for the December holiday!!! Please forward this email to everyone in your address book and ask them to do the same.

All the details of the competition are on the phase1racing forum and website, here is the link which gives you their contact details for those of you that want to purchase the products. <http://www.phase1racing.co.za/forum/viewtopic.php?p=13636#13636> or you can view the competition on the website at www.phase1racing.co.za

Everyone drives a car and everyone can benefit from the products, a cleaner and well protected engine makes a big difference to the driver as well as it extends the life of your motor and can even reduce the consumption slightly. If your car is old and in need of a good service, then consider the Power Boost. By removing the buildups in the motor the car can run more efficiently, your acceleration will be greatly improved, you will notice that certain flat spots will be improved if they are as a result of the carbon buildups, you will have a bit more power as well. You only use Powerboost once every 20 000 - 30 000km so a once of treatment is long lasting. Everyone who has tried the Powerboost has walked away with a big smile, you feel the difference immediately!! It doesn't go into your petrol tank and isn't one of the octane boosters either, it is sprayed into the motor and reacts with the temperature in the combustion chambers to effectively remove all Carbon, Gum and varnish buildups in the motor that absorb heat, cause hot spots and reduce the efficiency of the motor. The Power Boost is especially ideal for diesel engines (Turbo intercooled or normally aspirated) as our diesel quality in this country is still terrible.

The Ecotek 100 is a synthetic oil additive that you add to your existing oil and it re-engineers the oil to the spec of the highest quality oil in the world. The product has passed all the tests or OEM's (Official Equipment Manufacturers), API (American Petroleum Institute) and AECA and conforms to the highest standards. The Ecotek 100 is perfect for use in all petrol and diesel engines as well as is perfect for racing cars as it gives maximum protection even under the most demanding conditions. The Ecotek 100 can also sustain extremely thin oils up to a 5W40 specification. If you consider that Fully Synthetic oils cost over R500.00 for 5 litres and Ecotek 100 treats 10 litres of oil and costs R420.00 then it is extremely well priced. Everyone's engine could benefit from both of these products.

All products are covered by a £5 000 000.00 product liability insurance and they have been available overseas for over 10 years now. The distributor network has well over 300 dealers worldwide and we are the exclusive importers for Africa.

I hope that I can pull one of your names out of the hat when it comes to the end of November.

Bryan Storrier
Managing Director
Bryan@ecotek.co.za

GOOD FOOD & WINE SHOW

Take a gastronomic journey through the delightful tastes and smells of the East at this year's Summer **Good Food & Wine Show**, taking place at Gallagher estate, 2 - 5 November. Gourmet tourism is the new travel bug, and there's no finer place to get bitten than at the Good food and Wine Show@! Here you can enjoy taste bud travel, by meeting the chef from a region, tasting the cuisine, and falling for one of the Show's exceptional travel specials to that destination. We guarantee great value, great experiences, glamorous trains and cruise liners, five-star hotels and game lodges, from Reunion to Indonesia, from town-ship cuisine to Michelin-star dining in London. The world's your oyster!

PONTA MALONGANE HOLIDAY RESORT NEWS

First of all, Ponta Malongane and Malonkwazi Adventures teams would like to thank you all for visiting us at the Getaway Show and your feedback on our work. We truly enjoyed seeing you all, and despite the show was quite tiring, we all enjoyed your company during that weekend. Now it is time for the good news!

We would like to invite you to join our spring special, which we are going to run right through October and November 2006. It works pretty simple book 3 nights in our resort and you will qualify for a 10% discount on the selected accommodation and R20,00 off on dives.* The special will start from the 5th of October and will run up until the 27th of November. If you are a holiday maker and diving is not for you, use this special, since you can get as much as 10% discount on selected accommodation as well. Come and join our offer and celebrate this spring in Ponta Malongane!.

The first ScubaPics's underwater photography competition this year will be held from the 4th to the 8th October in Ponta Malongane. Photographers can shoot their photos from Thursday to Saturday morning and prizes will be awarded on Saturday evening. The prize-giving will be held at Ponta Malongane followed by a SA BBQ (braai). The sponsors have contributed excellent prizes for this competition and as many as possible prizes will be awarded. The fee to enter this competition is R150 per category. Each entrant will receive a t-shirt and all proceeds will be donated to Marine conservation. Come and join us for this incredible event.

And last but not least. We have established two new options on our website. The first one is career opportunities section, where you can check positions available in our resort, at the moment we are looking for DM/Instructor for our Dive Camp (jobs@pontamalongane.co.za)

Secondly, we have created a special email address, yourexperience@malonkwazi.co.za where you can send all your positive or negative feed back with regards to the work of the booking office, the resort and our employees. We are very interested in your opinion and your concerns, and by having your feed back, we will try to do our best to improve the level of our service.

Best regards,

Malonkwazi and Malongane Teams

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NEW RANCHO SHOCK ABSORBERS WEBSITE

'ALTER YOUR EGO' ONLINE THROUGH POWERFUL NEW "WWW.GORANCHO.COM" WEB EXPERIENCE

Enthusiasts Can Experience True Rancho Performance Differences, Exclusive New 'Rancho Interactive Garage' on All New GoRancho.com

LONG BEACH, CA: After more than 50 years, Rancho one of the world's top performance suspension brands knows that a new look, matched with the latest, cutting-edge products, delivers just the right package to off-road and performance enthusiasts. And there's no better way to see this in action than at www.GoRancho.com.

Ready to Alter Your Ego, Rancho suspensions, shock absorbers, accessories and other related products are manufactured and marketed by Tenneco Inc. Rancho has included the all-new Rancho Interactive Garage (R.I.G.) in the site. Currently featuring the Rancho 2007 Tahoe, 2006 Hummer H3 and Dodge Power Wagon, R.I.G. lets users preview suspension upgrades and special Rancho system features in a close-up, detailed view. Plus, enthusiasts can customize the vehicle, viewing it with a Rancho suspension versus stock and add their own choice of aftermarket products (i.e. wheels, grille guard, etc.).

Rancho is constantly evolving our products, technologies and image which is why enthusiasts continue to look at us for the next big thing, said Joe Pase, general manager for Rancho. No one understands the performance demands and lifestyle of the off-road community better than Rancho, and there's no better place to 'live the brand' than at gorancho.com.

iPod movies and pictures; motorsports results, schedules and driver profiles; Rancho product display trailer information; and complete editorial and ad previews. The Zone now includes a brand-new image gallery that captures Rancho at some of the most memorable off-road events (like trail rides at the 2006 Moab Easter Jeep Safari).

The new website also offers users up-to-the-minute new product information and technical insight. Many Rancho products have new interactive demos allowing enthusiasts the opportunity to experience exclusive Rancho technologies, like the RS9000X Dial Your Ride demo. Rancho offers a full line of advanced 4WD suspensions, shock absorbers and other accessories for virtually any popular light truck, SUV or Jeep model.

Among the most popular new Rancho products are the nine-position, fully adjustable RS9000X and RS9000X Pro Series remote reservoir shocks; and the RS9000RCX remote shock damping control system.

For more information about Rancho suspensions, shocks and other components, visit www.gorancho.com; contact Tenneco South Africa on 011 574 5603, or email Philip.lutz@taeu.com.

Tenneco Inc. is a \$4.2 billion manufacturing company with headquarters in Lake Forest, Illinois, and approximately 19,000 employees worldwide. Tenneco is one of the world's largest designers, manufacturers and marketers of emission control and ride control products and systems for the automotive original equipment market and the aftermarket. Tenneco markets its products principally under the Monroe®, Walker®, Gillet® and Clevite® Elastomer brand names. Among its products are Sensa-Trac® and Monroe Reflex® shocks and struts, Rancho suspension systems and shock absorbers, Walker® Quiet-Flow® mufflers, DynoMax® performance exhaust products, and Clevite® Elastomer noise, vibration and harshness control components.

NEW ISUZU HEAVY DUTY GAS SHOCKS NOW AVAILABLE FROM MONROE

Monroe are pleased to advise that their premium Heavy Duty Gas-Magnum shocks are now available for the 2004-on Isuzu KB models.

Not readily available anywhere else they expect good demand for this popular vehicles shocks designed to upgrade standard suspensions at an affordable price. Available through most of the franchise fitment groups such as Supa-Quick, Hi-Q, Speedy and Autoquip as well as over the counter nationally from Midas spares outlets. For further information you can phone (011) 574 5603

The part numbers you need to ask for are:
FRONT: M8031 (Excl std height 4x2)
REAR : M8032

Thanks & Regards

Philip Lutz

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(4 nagte, 5 dae) 4 ster verblyf

- Besoek ook Wildtuin
- Ideaal vir Senior Burgers
- Luukse vervoer (slegs 8)
- Alles insluitende prys van R2950 per persoon

Ski Naweeek in Lesotho

(3 nagte, 4 dae) 3222m bo seevlak – sneeu gewaarborg!

Vanaf 1 Junie – 27 Augustus 2006

- Luukse vervoer (slegs 8)
- Alles insluitende prys van R2900 per persoon

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More news items....

SAFARI CENTRE FACTS/FEITE OF THE DAY

- Thabana Ntlenyana, which literally means “beautiful, little mountain” in Sesotho, is the highest point in Lesotho and the highest mountain in Southern Africa!
- The Tugela Falls in the Royal Natal National Park is 947m high, which makes it the second highest waterfall on earth!
- Kilimanjaro (in Tanzania) is actually a giant, inactive volcano! While the volcano appears to be dormant on the inside, events on top of the mountain have been drawing global attention recently. The glaciers that have covered the top of the mountain for the past 11 700 years are rapidly disappearing. Over the past century, the ice cap volume has dropped by more than 80%!
- A Snail can sleep for 3 years!
- A Shark can grow a new set of teeth in one week!
- Seahorses create a vacuum with their tubular mouths that draws their prey (that includes small crustaceans) into their mouth!
- Seahorses are capable of rapid colour transformation to blend in with their surroundings!

MORE FROM SAFARI CENTRE

Last week Wednesday, 20 September, was D-day for the 10 finalists in Safari Centre’s Eezi Awn Rooftop Tent Competition! Congratulations to Mr. Chris Burger of Pretoria who is the lucky winner of the new Series 3 Eezi Awn Rooftop Tent! We trust and believe that your tent will give you endless pleasure!

The evening was a huge success, with André de Villiers, owner of Safari Centre, who gave a speech and Jess Stuhler, of Eezi Awn who told the finalists a bit more about the high quality tent! The other 9 finalists definitely did not go home empty-handed, and each received a Gift Voucher with compliments of Safari Centre!

The Series 3 Rooftop Tent is available at your nearest Safari Centre for only R7062-30!

*We currently have 7 branches countrywide, including Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Polokwane, Ermelo and Windhoek, and our outstanding quality is reflected in the two year workmanship warranty that we offer on all fitments, as well as the fact that we are one of only a few fitment centres in the country that is **AA quality assured!** Let Safari Centre be your first choice if you want to fit any equipment to your vehicle!*

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE BY MCV SALES PUSH TRUCK MARKET TO YET ANOTHER ALL-TIME RECORD

The South African truck market established yet another monthly all-time record during September with a total of 3 301 sales reported to the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers of South Africa (NAAMSA). This performance surpassed the previous record of 3 168 units set in August 2006 by 4.2%.

“This exceptional result provided the main impetus in a market where the three remaining segments recorded sales volumes that were slightly below recent peaks,” said Frans Cloete, executive vice president of operations at Nissan Diesel South Africa.

Medium Commercial Vehicle (MCV) sales logged a new record of 1 505 units, an increase of 42.1% when compared to the results of September 2005. Sales in the Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV) segment increased by 25.6% on September 2005’s sales, to conclude the month on 658 units. The Extra Heavy Commercial Vehicle (EHCV) saw an increase of 29.8% on September 2005’s results, to reach 1 055 units. Bus sales however declined by 32.5% compared to the same month last year, and concluded the month on 83 units.

With three quarters of 2006 already past, the final profile of the year’s truck market has started to

emerge. Year-to-date growth in total truck and bus sales reached 24 635 units by the end of September – 22.3% growth on the corresponding period in 2005.

“As we enter the final quarter of 2006, however, there are emerging factors in the macro-economic environment which are likely to have some impact on the year’s eventual outcome,” said Cloete. “We have already seen interest rate rises in June and August, and economists are confidently predicting an increase of at least one percentage point by year’s end.”

The Rand is currently also trading substantially above R7.50 to the US Dollar, and appears to have potential to weaken further, mainly as a consequence of the country’s high level of demand for imported goods, and resulting deterioration in its balance of trade position.

“Although we have not seen, as yet, any resulting upward movement in truck prices, local manufacturers and importers will, eventually, exhaust their capacity to trade-off the value-added element in sales transactions, and be obliged to pass on some part of the increases raised by their overseas principals to local buyers,” said Cloete.

He also believes that the continued growth of MCV sales, both in absolute terms, and as a component of the total market, remains noteworthy. During 2005, at least some of this impetus was derived from the entry of new heavy-duty pickups and taxi-type vehicles to this segment. Currently, in 2006, however, the impact of these two categories has considerably reduced, and the latest round of strength has been sustained by strong sales of mainstream truck and van models.

“It therefore appears that the success of the MCV segment is more a reflection of ongoing strength in consumer spending, as well as activity levels in the construction, service and small business sectors,” said Cloete.

The drift of EHCV sales in September to below the 1 000 unit level, which they had exceeded during the previous two consecutive months, does not reflect any serious deterioration, given that the volume of 973 units recorded is still higher than anything attained by this segment prior to May 2006.

Looking ahead, government is developing its strategy to redirect a proportion of long-distance freight traffic to rail, but it must consider the potential for any inappropriate legislative intervention to cause economic collateral damage, and, more importantly, to compromise the country’s capacity to deliver a satisfactory Soccer World Cup 2010.

“There can be no doubt that the success of that event will be dependent on the full and comprehensive involvement of both the freight and passenger-carrying elements of the road transport industry,” said Cloete.

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ON BEHALF OF NISSAN DIESEL SOUTH AFRICA

SEE THE BIG PICTURE WITH GARMIN'S NUVI 660

Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd., today announced it has expanded its popular all-in-one Personal Travel Assistant product line. The nuvi 660 incorporates a large, 4.3-inch touchscreen, integrated traffic capabilities, FM transmitter, and a super-bright display. These new attributes are in addition to the GPS navigator, traveler’s reference, and digital entertainment features that have made the nuvi a favorite device among travelers.

"Since we first introduced the nuvi family, customers have been drawn to it because of its elegance, size and features," said Gary Kelley, Garmin's vice president of marketing. "The nuvi 660 builds on the legacy of the nuvi 300-series while adding desirable enhancements like a wider screen and integrated traffic, which are two features that have never been packaged together before."

With its large, touchscreen interface, the nuvi 660 makes it easier than ever to obtain voice-prompted, turn-by-turn directions; route calculation; and automatic rerouting if a motorist strays off course. The unit speaks street names, so drivers will know to "turn right on Main Street." Garmin has also made it possible for customers to augment the pre-loaded maps with custom points of interest such as school zones and safety cameras.

The nuvi 660 includes an integrated traffic receiver that makes it possible to avoid traffic and road construction delays. The traffic receiver is integrated with the nuvi's 12-volt power adapter cable, and will notify the driver of upcoming traffic or road construction delays and the delay's severity. If the accident or construction delay occurred prior to the user programming the desired destination, the unit will automatically calculate a route around congestion. In the United States, three months of free Total Traffic Network service is included, after which the customer may subscribe to 15 months of service for \$60.00.

Another new feature is the integrated FM transmitter that broadcasts voice guidance, MP3, audio books and phone calls over the vehicle's existing speakers. The nuvi's entertainment audio is muted when navigation instructions are given.

The nuvi 660 also allows users to make and receive hands-free phone calls directly through the nuvi's touchscreen keypad. The Bluetooth Wireless Technology capabilities and integrated microphone and speaker provide for hands-free mobile phone calls. In addition, phone numbers may be looked-up and dialed from the mobile phone's address book or from the phone's call history log that shows calls received, calls dialed and calls missed (for supported phones). If a user does not know the phone number of their destination, they can easily find and dial it from nuvi's points of interest database -- such as hotels, restaurants, and gas stations and attractions. When the nuvi's FM transmitter is activated, all Bluetooth-enabled phone calls will be emitted over the vehicle's existing speakers.

Nuvi is an all-in-one portable GPS device that combines GPS navigation with new and innovative applications such as the Garmin Travel Guide, Garmin Language Guide, and Garmin SaversGuide. These optional guides are available on SD card and provide users helpful and thorough information such as restaurant and hotel reviews and recommendations, audible language translation into five different languages, and the first geo-coded "coupon book" that notifies users of nearby discounts at restaurants, hotels, automotive repair, and more. The nuvi also incorporates the Garmin Lock, a theft prevention system that provides added security.

In Europe, customers can purchase one of nine regional map coverage areas (nuvi 610), or opt for full European mapping (nuvi 660). The North American version (nuvi 660) includes preloaded maps of the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. All map data is provided by NAVTEQ -- a world leader in premium-quality mapping.

The nuvi 660 is expected to be available in the U.S. in September 2006. The nuvi is sold with a suction cup mount, GTM 20 (North America) or GTM 21 (Europe) FM TMC traffic receiver and 12-volt adapter (nuvi 660 only), AC power cable (nuvi 660 only), PC/USB cable, owner's manual and quick reference guide. The Garmin Travel Guide, Garmin Language Guide, and SaversGuide are sold separately.

7 DAY WEATHER FORECAST TO YOUR FAX MACHINE

The weather has an influence on many aspects of our daily lives. Whether you want to do your washing on Monday or play golf on Wednesday or want to go away for the weekend, to know what the weather is going to be like is important to many people.

The South African Weather Service in co-operation with Travelphone and Telitourist has just launched the new 7-day fax on demand service. This service provides seven day forecast of all major towns in South Africa and contains minimum/maximum temperatures, wind and cloud conditions as well as sunrise/sunset times and moon phases.

The information is available on an easy access fax on demand service and all the information is on a single page. The service is updated on a daily basis.

To access the information, simply dial 082 289 2010 from any fax machine and follow the prompts. When asked to insert the service number of the forecast you want, chooses the four digit service number listed below for the town forecast you want. The service will also allow you to request more than one town at a time.

DIAL 082 289 2010, follow the prompts, select option 1 and insert your town's service number. As easy as that!

If you are in the tourism or leisure industry, event organisation or wedding planning or any business influenced directly by the weather, this service is for you!

For more information on this service please contact Travelphone at 082 239 2110 during office hours or e-mail info@travelphone.co.za

FAX ON DEMAND SERVICE - 7 day forecasts - 082 289 2010

Limpopo

Alldays 1101
Bela-Bela 1102
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Mokopane 1105
Musina 1106
Phalaborwa 1107
Polokwane 1108
Thabazimbi 1109
Thohoyando 1110
Tzaneen 1111

Mpumalanga

Badplaas 1201
Ermelo 1202
Graskop 1203
Groblersdal 1204
Komatidraai 1205
Lydenburg 1206
Nelspruit 1207
Piet Retief 1208
Skukuza 1209
Standerton 1210
Witbank 1211

North West

Klerksdorp 1301

Kuruman 1302
Mafikeng 1303
Potchefstroom 1305
Rustenburg 1306
Taung 1307

Gauteng

Johannesburg 1401
Pretoria 1402
Vereeniging 1403

Northern Cape

Alexander Bay 1501
Calvinia 1502
De Aar 1503
Kimberley 1504
Postmasburg 1505
Springbok 1506
Sutherland 1507
Upington 1508

Free State

Bethlehem 1601
Bloemfontein 1602
Faresmith 1603
Ficksburg 1604
Kroonstad 1605
Sasolburg 1606
Welkom 1607

KwaZulu Natal

Durban 1701
Giant's Castle 1702
Ixopo 1703
Kokstad 1704
Ladysmith 1705
Margate 1706
Moorriver 1707
Newcastle 1708
Pietermatitzburg 1709
Richardsbay 1710
St Lucia Estuary 1711
Ulundi 1712
Underberg 1713
Vryheid 1714

Eastern Cape

Aliwal North 1801
Bisho 1802
Cradock 1803
East London 1804
Fort Beaufort 1805
Graaff Reinet 1806
Grahamstown 1807
Joubertina 1808
Mthatha 1809

Ngqura 1810
Plettenberg Bay 1811
Port Alfred 1812
Port Elizabeth 1813
Port St Johns 1814
Queenstown 1815
Uitenhage 1816

Western Cape

Beaufort West 1901
Cape Point 1902
Cape Town 1903
Cape Town International Airport 1904
Clanwilliam 1905
Excelsior 1906
George 1907
Grabouw 1908
Hermanus 1909
Langebaan 1910
Malmesbury 1911
Oudtshoorn 1912
Paarl 1913
Riversdale 1914
Robertson 1915
Slangkop 1916
Stilbaai 1917
Strand 1918
Vredendal 1919
Worcester 1920

CAPESTORM SALE

Running in tandem with our main Spring Sale at our Wynberg, Cape Town store, our Bryanston, Joburg sale runs until 15 October. Hours for sale ONLY Saturday 08:30 - 17:00 but normal times for other Mon to Friday 9-5pm and Sunday 9-1pm.

The sale features a large number of discontinued items including the following;

- SPITFIRE softshells
- BOULDERADO pants
- RED POINT jackets
- Womens WILD DISA
- Womens SWITCHBLADE
- KAROO TO COAST shirts
- CAPESTORM SIGNATURE TEES
- PATHFINDER PANTS
- PUFFADDER FLEECE
- AEROVEST

So get along to our Bryanston store pronto and pick up a bargain or two.
Store details; Shop 5, Carvenience Centre, Corner William Nichol & Grosvenor, Bryanston
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BHEJANE NEWS

Difficult though it is to believe, 2006 has come and almost gone and we trust that it has been as good a year for you as it has been for us. So far this year, over 600 clients have been on 33 tours, with the Bhejane "boys," and the feedback we have received has, on the whole, been very positive. This is, for us, very rewarding to know that Frank and our two new tour guides, Douwe and John, have maintained the high standards we set for ourselves and, that they and their teams, acquitted themselves well in the field.

Of the remaining tours we have for this year, only the 8 to 14 October, "Tiger Fishing in Botswana" and the 2 to 8 December, "Namib – Final Frontier" tours still have vacancies for a few more clients.

Another of our "products" that really took off this year has been the "Private" and "Corporate" tours which were not part of our scheduled tour program. Nine private and corporate groups were taken on tours, to destinations of their choice during dates of their choice, so far this year and there are four more groups that have booked tours to both Namibia and Botswana.

Two very successful competitions were run, in both the Tydskrif Rapport, in which we had over 6000 entries, and in Insig Magazine, over 400 entries, and four lucky prizewinners were taken on tours to Botswana, Caprivi & Victoria Falls, which included air fares, 4x4 vehicles and fuel for the duration of the tours. We will definitely be doing the same in the New Year, hopefully in Drive Out, SA 4x4 and again in Tydskrif Rapport.

Bhejane 4x4 Adventures were contracted to provide the logistics, cater and transport kit, for a group of thirty (crazy) hikers, who walked from Plettenberg bay, over the mountains into the Baviaans and on all the way to Addo Elephant Park, over a period of nineteen days. This all happened during the "Big rains" we had in the Southern and Eastern Cape. As the "crow flies" they walked about 30ks a day and we had to, after serving breakfast, break up camp and head on to their next over-night stop. There are no roads in some of the areas we had to negotiate (sometimes having to "loop around" for more than a 100ks to get there) but the Cruiser, towing a fully loaded 4x4 trailer, always got through and not once did the hikers not receive a hot meal and a reasonably dry tent on their arrival at camp.

"You guys did the most incredible job and I can't thank you enough for your professional attitude and willingness to be really flexible. The circumstances of this trip were a serious challenge logistically and your team coped extremely well under very trying circumstances. Eden to Addo would not have happened without you - so thank you for making this first run a success.

Regards

Galeo Saints and the Eden to Addo Team"

We were also contracted to assist with the logistics and catering for the "2006 4x4 Eco Challenge" semi finals and finals, sponsored by Goodyear and Toyota. At the prize giving ceremony, Bhejane Adventures, were proud to receive a special award, from Toyota South Africa, for the team's dedication in providing excellent service, in sometimes the most trying conditions in the field.

From Motor Beeld & Burger 13&14 September 06 – Pieter Oosthuizen

Eco Challenge lewer talle avonture

"Een ding waaroor die finaliste nie kon kla nie, was die "kos-is-op-die-tafel" –beleid wat vanjaar gevolg is. 'n Ou bekende van Motor Beeld/Burger lesers, Frank Carlisle van Bhejane-toere, was in beheer van kombuis sake.'

Finally! We now have our Tour Program for 2007 sorted out and have attached it below. There are three new exciting tours on offer, the " Central Kalahari & Mabuasehube", the "Ivory Trail & Greater Kruger National Park" and the "Die Hell to Baviaanskloof". We have also, due to popular

demand from our clients, added an extra day in Kasane to the very popular "Trans Botswana, Caprivi & Victoria Falls" tour, to enable us to include a game drive into Chobe National Park and an evening "game viewing" cruise on the Chobe River.

Should you require further information on any of the advertised tours, please do not hesitate to give us a call and a detailed itinerary will be sent to you. Inquiries about "private" tailor made tours are also welcome.

On behalf of the management and staff, of the Bhejane 4x4 team, I must thank you for all your inquiries, all your good wishes and for all your most valued support.
Kind regards,
Dennis.

MINI CARAVANS AVAILABLE

To Godfrey Castle, the 'Caravan and Outdoor Life' and 'SA 4x4' teams

I read with interest of your readers' letter regarding 'mini vans.' Over the last couple of years we have designed, built and tested this type of caravan and we have recently been displaying a preproduction model in the public arena to test market reaction. At one of the venues I met Derek Lawley from your sister magazine SA 4x4 who expressed an interest in the concept.

We would request your indulgence to refer your readers to our web site www.crosscountrycaravans.co.za where they will find details of what we are currently preparing to manufacture.

In brief we have 2 models, the Outback® and the Road Runner®. Both models are sturdy enough to be towed on gravel roads and over rough terrain and share a lot of similar features. The Outback® is a self contained home from home unit with a full size XL double bed and a galley / kitchen, it has everything one needs to be self sufficient away from normal facilities available in caravan parks, whilst the Road Runner® comes without the galley and has a booted tailgate.

Within the model range we have several variations of the design which suit specialist activities such as those of the diving, fishing, biking and motorcycle fraternity. We recently had a request to adapt a unit for a lady with a disability.

We trust that our website and offerings will stimulate your readers' interest by providing the alternative that they are looking for.

Kind Regards

Charles Ineson
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ADVERTORIAL (April 2006):

MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS:

4X4 TRAILS AND OVERLAND (ADVENTURE) TOURIST GUIDE COURSE:

Are you doing trips in the Republic of South Africa and you are not a registered Tourist Guide? Well, if so, why not get legal and attend this course!! The course covers many aspects of the 4x4 industry and focuses on border formalities, money matters, navigation, expedition planning etc.

The course is very informative and is participative – you get to tell us your stories as well – we learn from each other... The following dates are planned for this course:
Cape Region 26 to 30 October 2006

Louis Trichardt (Makhado) 12 to 16 October 2006

Please remember that if six (6) or more persons get together then the Course can be presented at a town / city of your choice.

MASAZANE BREAKAWAYS – UP TO 8 DAYS:

An opportunity to unwind from the general mayhem in our lives, without having to dig deep into your leave, if at all...

SOUTPANSBERG FOREST TRAIL (SFT) (LIMPOPO, RSA) - best at 3 days or longer

4x2 WELCOME !!!!

The trail goes through the Hanglip, Roodewal, Entabeni and Thate Vonde Plantations with various indigenous sections in between. Highlights are some of the tallest trees (Redwoods) in RSA; the Fruit Salad Picnic Spot; the Angels' Steps to Wim's View; a tea plantation; Botha's Pass; and so much more... This trail improves by the day as we venture deeper into the forests and discover new places not generally seen before by the public. We are also discovering places of interest, such as the hidden caves, that very few know about. The Soutpansberg is particularly beautiful this year after the good rains we have had in the area... Explore the magnificent secrets that the forests have to offer and sample the vhaVenda culture. The following dates are ideas to give the family that deserved unwind:

16 – 19 Nov 2006

Please remember that these dates are only guidelines and your Club, group or circle of friends can come through at any time for a uniquely allocated tour.

CAMP AFRICA – THE BEST BREAKAWAY IN THE SOUTPANSBERG!!!

CAMP AFRICA HUTS AND CAMPSITE (LIMPOPO, RSA)

Now if driving too far is not your 'thing'... and you just want to mellow for a few days... why not join us at **Camp Africa**. **Camp Africa** is situated on the fringes of indigenous forest and has a beautiful view over Louis Trichardt. By road it is approximately 5 km from the centre of Louis Trichardt. **Camp Africa** has five (5) huts and many camping spots. Each hut is a 'family-unit' with two (2) single beds and a double bunker, i.e. four (4) beds. **Camp Africa** has a fully licensed bar and there is a kitchen area with two fireplaces and a double sink. The ablution block – each of the ladies and gents has a toilet, washbasin and two showers with hot water from a 4kW geyser. There is a large boma that holds a 'kuier-fireplace' so that the beautiful evenings of this region can be enjoyed. Of interest to children, will be the animal pen with rabbits, chickens, goats, geese, ducks, guinea fowl', etc. There is much else to see and hear... so bring the family anytime for a short break from the mayhem of city life...

Activities include the vehicle trail, birding, tree-spotting, hiking, cultural tours, historical tours, mountain biking, butterflies, moths... to name but a few...

MASAZANE EXTENDED EXPEDITIONS - MORE THAN 14 DAYS:

ANGOLA EXPEDITION (ANGOLA) – 11 days – 18 to 28 Nov 2006

Experience Angola before it becomes too commercialised... Excellent fishing opportunities; legal beach driving; Iona National Park; Cunene River mouth; 'The Killing Zone'; Furado; Leba Pass; Humpata home of the Dorsland Trekkers; and much more...

CHRISTMAS SERENGETI EXPEDITION (TANZANIA) - 24 days - 18 Dec 2006 to 10 Jan 2007 !!CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!

Let Serengeti take you and your family into the 2007 New Year ...

The Christmas Serengeti Expedition starts in Kasane (Botswana) and runs through Zambia and Malawi to Tanzania. Christmas Day is spent on the island of Zanzibar and Old Year's Eve at the

Ngorongoro Crater (or in the middle of the Serengeti NP, depending on the first rains). The expedition returns via Zambia. Other highlights of the expedition are Lake Malawi, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kapishya Hot Springs (Shiwa Ngandu), Lake Waka Waka, etc.

JOIN US FOR A ONCE IN A LIFETIME DREAM EXPEDITION:

CAPE TO LONDON EXPEDITION (AFRICA) – 4½ months – May to mid-Sep 2007

UNFORTUNATELY NO CHILDREN UNDER 15 WILL BE ALLOWED ON THIS EXPEDITION

!!! DEADLINE IS 15 NOVEMBER 2006 !!!

The Cape to London Expedition officially starts at Cape Agulhas (RSA) - the southernmost point of Africa. The expedition will be divided into two legs – firstly Cape to Cairo and then secondly Cairo to London – so that you can choose whether you want to go as far as London... The general route is as follows: RSA, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain and London. Enjoy the thrill of experiencing Africa in your own vehicle!! Watch thousands of flamingos; seek out the only true wolf on the African Continent – the Simien Wolf; the historical Lalibela rock churches; experience the harshness of the Sahara Desert and still live to tell the tale; experience the history buzz of Egypt and Tunisia; experience the warm colours of Morocco; and much, much more... Complete self-sufficiency is the rule for this entire expedition due to the lack of ablution facilities, water and fuel. **Please note that this expedition will be an expedition where participation in duties (e.g. cooking) will be required!!!**

MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS PREFERS FAMILY ORIENTATED EXPEDITIONS. HOWEVER VERY “ROUGH” CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS MAKES SOME OF THE EXPEDITIONS DIFFICULT EVEN FOR ADULTS AND WE THEREFORE ARE FORCED TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE.

We hope to hear from you and/or see you soon...

Dave (GP 0838) and Jacqui (GP 0773) van Graan

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FROM THE TRACKS - READER FEEDBACK:

Hi Alan,

Thanks for the informative monthly newsletters, I look forward to each one with anticipation and read the entire thing immediately I receive it.

Gordon Jardine

Hey Alan,

We tried the cell phone tricks :-) and have the following to report...

Phone used - Nokia 6680 (just prior to the N series)

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|----|----------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Emergency Number | - | WORKS |
| 2. | Locked keys in car | - | DOES NOT WORK |
| 3. | Hidden Battery Power | - | DOES NOT WORK |

4. IMEI number to stop phone working - WORKS but it's so cheap to bypass this otherwise stealing cell phones would have stopped ages ago :-)

Cheers

Trevor Mathews

Alan you said...

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone? To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: # 0 6 # - A 15 digit code will appear on the screen

It does not work – nothing happens.

Rod Crompton

(Ed. Thanks Trevor –at least I know you read the complete newsletter! Rod, maybe you should get hold of Trevor!)

GPS COURSE:

Hallo Alan,

Dankie vir 'n puik kursus die afgelope naweek. Ek het dit geniet.

Dankie.

Banie Niehaus.

0824655501.

Hi Alan

Many thanks for your useful and interesting newsletter.

Philip Lutz

ADVERTORIAL (April 2006):

River Hill Lodge - Komatipoort

We are situated 500m off the N4 Toll Road on the Komati River just 2.5kms from the Lebombo order Post with Mozambique and ideally placed for overnight accommodation on your way to or from Mozambique.

Accommodation consists of:

5 private air-conditioned chalets.

2 three bedroom air-conditioned self-catering chalets

Breakfast and dinner are offered in the open dining room or Lapa. Swimming pool and Bar overlook Komati River, Kambaku Golf Course and Kruger Park

Other offerings in the immediate area are: Crocodile Bridge Gate to the Kruger Park (12kms), Golf (2 minutes), Tiger fishing, bird-watching horse riding, Swaziland 65kms and Maputo 100kms.

For more detail please visit our web site on www.wheretostay.co.za/riverhilllodge or contact Michele or Richard at the Lodge directly on telephone no.: (013) 793-7855 or Cell: 083-272-2224. Email: riverhill.lodge@worldonline.co.za

FRESH FROM THE BUSH - NEW PRODUCTS:

SPECIAL FOR ALL READERS!!!!

Dear Alan,

Since we last spoke my business has merged with a considerably larger company (see below) we are currently clearing Kevin Till Agency stock of Freeplay flashlights and I would like to make a special offer to you and your members.

You supported me well in the past and I would like to reciprocate.

I have the X-Ray flashlight with the 7 LED bulb configuration which is the latest as well as a free car charger at **R185.00 including VAT.**

This is a genuine offer; all I want to do is recover my cost. I have some 150 flashlights available. If you have a show coming up I will gladly attend the stand and demonstrate.

Regards

Kevin Till

General Manager – Groups Connoisseur Electronics (Pty) Ltd.

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KIWANJA ADVENTURES SAFARIS & 4X4 ACCESSORIES

MUD Creeper 12,000lbs 4x4 Recovery Series Winch

Spec:

Power Supply: 12V DC

Single line pull rate: 12000lbs (5443kg)

Motor: 6hp/4.5KW

Control: Remote switch with 3.7m lead

Gear train: 3 Stage Planetary

Gear ration: 26.2 : 1

Clutch: Sliding Ring Gear

Cable: 27m 9.5mm aircraft cable

Fairlead: 4-way roller fairlead

Battery leads: 2 Gauge

Gross weight: 46kg

Mounting Bolt Pattern: Industry Standard (254x114.3mm)

All parts available

1 Year warrantee

Life time guarantee against manufacturer's defects

Full after sales service with Kiwanja

R 3,999.00 VAT n/a (If club members show proof of their membership - they receive an additional 5% discount)

Recovery KIT Special:

1 x 12,000lbs MUD Creeper winch

2 x D-shackles (18mm pin)

2 x Bow-shackles (18mm pin)

1 x 9m Pull Strap with a 12 Ton max breaking strength

1 x 2m Tree Trunk Protector with a 12 Ton max breaking strength 1 x Snatch Block 1 x Pair of gloves

R 5,850.00 VAT n/a (If 2 or more 4x4 friends buy at the same time, each receives a R 400.00 discount!)

Tyreseal

R 255.00 per liter VAT n/a

Tyreseal is a permanent solution, high performance, ethylene glycol based, water-soluble, non-toxic and environmental friendly liquid which, when injected into a tyre, turns an ordinary tyre into a self-sealing tyre. When installed, a tyre will give full protection against air loss for the entire legal life of a tyre and will eradicate thread punctures, bead leaks, rim leaks & porosity. Puncture

wounds of up to 6mm in diameter in car tyres and puncture wounds made by a puncturing object of up to 9mm in a commercial vehicle tyres will be self sealed without loss of air pressure. The average 4x4 will require about 500ml per tyre... For more information & a demo, pls contact Kiwanja.

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ADVERTORIAL: (June 2006)

AFRICAN SAFARIS WITH ECO4X4AFRICA.COM

Alex and Alta Smit are your hosts during your visit to our website - www.eco4x4africa.com –and also when we lead you on tour in Africa.

Visit our website and acquaint yourself with all the safaris on offer, for a safari of a life time in Africa including: NAMIBIA / BOTSWANA / SERENGETI / MOZAMBIQUE / KENYA / AFRICA.

All our tours are self drive tours with your own 4x4 or 4x2 (or rent from Alex at @R495 per day while on tour with us.)

You supply your own vehicle, fuel & drinks, camping equipment, bedding, drinking water & cool drinks (can be supplied on request).

We supply all the food & catering, washing water & campsite accommodation on these participation self camping tours. We also supply radios for communications and first aid medical support on tour.

Let us help you make the most of your safari – we have been guiding tours since 1990!

Upcoming tours for next year:

6 February - 25 February - Lesotho

16 March - 25 March 2007 - Northern Namibia

7 April - 15 April 2007 - Kalahari Kgalagadi (During Easter & School Holidays)

6 May - 3 June 2007 - Serengeti Migration

24 June - 22 July 2007 - Serengeti Migration (During Winter School Holidays)

9 August - 12 August 2007 – Lesotho (Long Weekend)

22 September - 30 September 2007 - Kalahari Kgalgadi (During September School Holidays)

14 December - 31 December 2007 – Namibia

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FEEDBACK FROM ASSOCIATION OF ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS -SOUTHERN AFRICA:

WELCOME

Well it has eventually happened... I hope you will all give our newly appointed **Association Administrator, Leanora Luppnow**, a hearty welcome and make her feel at home...!! She is very enthusiastic and full of energy. Please give her your full support... and PLEASE respond to her e-mails / requests... Until we have been able to transfer the Golden Number, etc. she can be contacted with any of the following:
011 453 9865 or gerardl@icon.co.za

Welcome also to the seven (7) NEW Member Clubs that have joined since the new application form was instated.

4x4 Cape

4x4xToits Club

Bos Pelle

Jurgens Safari Club

Oranje Safari 4x4 Club

Outdoors 4 Africa

Tafelberg 4x4 Club

ORRA NEWS

The new VHF application forms area available on the ORRA website link:

<http://www.fwdcsa.co.za/accessories.htm> Proof of Payment needs to be sent with the application to register the license. Please contact Kim Carmichael for more information - Tel / Fax: 086 139 3272 or fwdcsa@icon.co.za

MEMBER CLUBS ONLY!!!!

ORRU NEWS

Please keep up to date with their very important work through the link on the FWDCSA website – www.fwdcsa.co.za

NEWS FROM UFWDA AND OTHER UFWDA MEMBERS

Visit their website regularly for news updates... www.ufwda.org Anyone can sign up to have the e-News delivered to their in-box by going to the UFWDA website.

Also the website of FWD – Victoria is worth visiting. I think especially people interested in NOW type activities will find this website interesting...

www.fwdvictoria.org.au/news.htm

COURSES FOR 2006:

Please email a BLANK email with the course title in the subject line, to be notified of industry leading courses to be presented in the Pretoria Area this year, at competitive pricing. The club is running these as a service to this newsletter reader. EVERYONE WELCOME.

2006 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

4x4OAC/02 NOVEMBER – Last course of 2006 !!!

Navigation, Basic Mapping & GPS by Kevin Bolton (1 day)

A course covering much more than just how to use your GPS. Learn about the base principles of mapping, plotting of location, the GPS as a unit, how it works, and practical application of lessons taught. Course also of an exceptional standard, by an industry guru. Full manual provided. Recommended for Driver & Navigator.

4x4OAC/03 NOVEMBER 2006!!!

Basic Fire Fighting for the outdoor enthusiast (1/2 day) - Industry Professional

When to use water, fire extinguisher, foam. What happens when your camp sets alight, your 4x4, oil in pan, a gas bottle? This course presented by a leading professional in this field for over 30 years will teach you what to do when the fire hits the fan! Good course for husband and wife team.

4x4OAC/12 GPS Software by Kevin Bolton (3 hours)

A course covering the available options on your GPS Software – concentrating on FUGAWI and MAPSOURCE. Bring your own software and notebook / PC for a practical experience, or watch how it works, before you buy. Learn to use the software for ultimate use on your GPS.

4x4OAC/13 Survival for the Family

A course covering the basics of survival in the bush covering mechanics, first aid & basic survival skills, given by ex-Special Forces personnel and other industry boffins. Raving reports from first course attendees. Focused as a family course. Camping, close to Pretoria.

Other

Upcoming courses include Bush Mechanics, Midweek Mammal Madness and other, on demand!

THE DUSTY WAY: CLUB TRIPS, TRIP REPORTS & FEEDBACK:

WEST COAST LONG HAUL TOUR

The club embarked on using the September holiday for a short break, thanks to the extra public holiday, to travel down to the De beers Diamond Coast concession, to camp and drive 2 of the famous seaside trails in South Africa. However, the road was a long one and we took a sensible drive to the sea, over two days.

Day 1 – We left at 3am with the convoy of 8 vehicles, heading due West. A trouble free journey saw us travel via Vryburg (breakfast stop), Kakamas where we viewed the Water Wheels, to Kuruman (where we were to stay over at Red Sands). As we arrived there just on lunch time, it was decided to push on, as no bookings had been made. Upington was the next stop. Due to popular negative comments about the camping venue Alan decided to pop into one of the venues just before Upington to see what was available. Here we discovered the beautiful oasis of Uizip, and vowed to return. Try it.

Day 2 – was an early rise, with the first refuel stop in Poffadder. Then on to Springbok, where fuel and lunch was had and then down the escarpment to Koingnaas. We approached Koingnaas from the Kommagas Village, and finally arrived at our seaside campsite, with clean ablutions and hot water. We struck camp and watched the sunset in sheer amazement.

Day 3 – Another early rise, as the group doing the mine tour had to be in Kleinzee rather early. We also had to get our permits to get into the Kleinzee area at the security checkpoints, as this is a restricted area. Protocol observed, and we found the INFO centre, where we made our payments, watched the video and boarded the bus which took us into the mining area.

Here we saw the mines in operation, visited a crushing plant, visited the seal colony and finally saw some samples of diamonds in the reception building on the way out. We left the area with mixed feelings, as it is very informative, the mine is busy rehabilitating old disused sections, but the sheer mass destruction of the earth had to be digested.

That evening, the whole tour group shifted across some 40km's to the Houthoop Guest Farm, where we were served a stunning seafood dinner. The club threw in some wine and a great time was had by all. Then it was off to the camp site for a good sleep.

Day 4 – We rose early again, as our guide, Dudley Wessels collected us for the Shipwreck Tour. This was a great level 1 drive and enjoyed by all. Dudley's knowledge and enthusiasm about the area was also tremendous and we had a great day driving some sand / dune roads whilst viewing the shipwrecks and old houses in the area. The tour also showed us some fresh water pits close to the shoreline.

We returned to camp to experience what the wind on the coast can dish up for you in your absence! Eish.

Day 5 – Yes, again an early rise, as today we visited the dunes in the inner land area. Here the crew were gradually taught and coached how to handle the sand, the dunes and driving these monsters with great care. We drove many great obstacles, until a lunch stop, where the guys could let the girls drive a large dune, and test out the new Toyota of Dudley. We also visited a site with some middens and ostrich eggs, viewed some unique plants and took in the area's offerings. It was a great day again.

That evening Dudley came to collect the feedback forms and greet and he was presented with a club tour T shirt.

Day 6, we arose late (yippee) and made a breakfast, before departing for Kamieskroon. We filled up in Koingnaas, and then left for Cosy Mountain camp site. En route we turned off the main gravel routes and hit some back roads, with 2 great passes being traversed. We arrived at Kamieskroon, set up camp amongst the rocky outcrops and settled in for a lazy evening, as our hosts catered for us on the evening.

Just before sunset, we took 7 vehicles up the huge rock outcrops in the mountain above the farm. The views were never ending, the drive nerve racking, but all in all – awesome. Down again, slowly, slowly, and then prepare for dinner.

What a great dinner was served. A huge pot of skaap nek potjie with dumplings, rice, veggie pot, fresh farm bread and a pudding. Man, the people were silent for a long time. Then we had a lecture from a visiting Namaqua Park Ranger (Russell) who enlightened us to what happens in the area and what they are trying to achieve in the area. Then, a few stars to gaze and off to bed.

Day 7 – we left the base for a day outing, visiting the Namaqua Park, where our views off the escarpment were somewhat spoiled by large mist banks rolling in. However, we finally exited the park at Soebatsfontein, then moved from there to Hondklipbaai, where we viewed the famous dog head rock, and on to the Aristeia a shipwreck close by.

Then Alan led the group on some 4x4 routes towards the coast after travelling inland, to the Spoeg River and the famous caves. A group photo was taken, and we moved on to one of the beaches for a bit of a stop. With petrol running low, we headed home, and returned to Kamieskroon and Cosy Mountain for another glorious evening.

Day 8 – We left at 7am with our litter, which was dropped off at the farm house, and then we hit Springbok, onto Pofadder for the first fuel stop. Just before Pofadder, the group visited the Pella Mission Station and took in the wonders of the church and museum. From here, it was a long trek to Red Sands just outside Kuruman, and a glorious overnight stop, where the Treasure Chest was finally awarded for the last time.

Day 9 saw us hit the long road for home. The group stopped just outside Krugersdorp, said the last sad good byes and departed for their homes. A safe trip, with no incidents bar a cut hand by one of the children, was had by all.

Another memorable tour by 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club Gauteng!

Hi Alan

Thanks for the whole Diamond Coast trip, all your arrangements and efforts. It is highly appreciated. We enjoyed it thoroughly and saw places in our beautiful country where we have never been before.

Thanks again
Parsons Family

3 PROVINCES LONG WEEKEND EXCURSION

To quote from their website: -

They say:

*"Majestic **peaks**, **Black eagles** soaring above, the cry of **jackals** at night. For the adventurous and nature lovers. The farm Waterval is situated in the "Versamelberge" (mountains) just outside **Volksrust**; **two and a half-hours** drive from **Johannesburg**. This is where the three Provinces, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and the Free State actually meet, on top of "Langkrans" (a sheer cliff), 2253 metres above sea level, and where the **Black eagles nest**. We offer you **4X4** routes, hiking trails, horse riding, bird watching or just a relaxing weekend set in some of the most scenic places. On the 4X4 route we accommodate **novices** to **experienced** drivers. The route includes stream crossings, mountainous area, rocky terrain and muddy holes. This route covers **32km** plus a separate **9km "Wildkamp" route** and a map with all **GPS co-ordinates** are supplied. As an alternative we also do **two Battlefield routes**, with visits to historical places such as the battle of "**Allemansnek**", a **Tunnel, graves**, a **museum** with a **zoo** and freshly **baked farm bread**. These routes are between **70 and 100 km's**".*

The changes in season brought about a new enthusiasm to get away from weekly routines – and so we did!

For logistical reasons, work commitments, and to avoid traffic congestion on the N1 & N4, four families met at Bapsfontein instead of The Rose Petrol Station to depart to Volksrust while the other 6 families elected to drive directly to *3 Provinces 4 x 4*.

We arrived with dusk approaching, even so, still allowing enough time to meet our hosts for the weekend – Herman & Ronel, and to settle in before dark. Earlier arrivals had already started a campfire that was really appreciated as the mountain air and wind (which blew most of the weekend) had a chill to it reminding us that we were at altitude. During the evening and till late the intermittent starting of Quad Bikes and a rowdy group camping close-by put spoil to an expected quite night. This was however resolved by our hosts the following morning during the briefing on the day's activities.

Due to various reasons only eight families participated in driving the trail on Saturday that was guided by Herman, and Ronel accompanying a large assemblage of quad bikes. As we were not the only visitors to this venue a group of 16 vehicles in total departed the campsite under the leadership of Herman with the numerous quads preceding us on the 3 provinces trail.

The trail offers magnificent views of the surrounding landscape whilst traversing through a striking environment and over a number of technical sections that are easily negotiated, and seep line area (mud hole) that bogged down two of our group. After a short lunch break, and steering clear of any attempt to drive the steep rocky "Helshoogte" climb we arrived at the top of "Langkrans" where a beacon indicates the meeting point of the Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga & Free State. A pair of Black Eagles also nest against the rock face and rear only one of 2 chicks hatched. Apparently Black Eagles are known to have up to 3 nesting sites that they alternate, however the Langkrans pair have nested here for 3 consecutive years since 2003. We arrived back at camp dusty and weary after an enjoyable day and many a stop.

An early morning church service led by a visiting minister who formed part of the quad bike group was attended by a number of club members and preceded the briefing at 09:00. Our day outing

was to take us to a local museum depicting South African history via a drive (short trail) through a game camp.

Upon arrival of the farm of historians Gert & Erika van der Westhuizen we were warmly welcomed with hot baked bread (as my grandmother use to bake it on the farm), home made butter & jams and ginger beer, coffee and tea.

Their museum has the most amazing collection of artifacts, pictures and pieces dating back as far as the early 1900's and more recent, recalling South African history with the emphasis on the Anglo Boer war years. The farm also has a collection of animals where one can meet close-up with Caracal, Black Backed Jackal, Cape Fox, Water Mongoose, Civet, Common & Spotted Genet, African Wild Cat and numerous farm animals.

After our feast on freshly baked breads, we departed to view a natural fissure in the mountains that was home to several Boer women in hiding to escape the concentration camps set up by the English for more than a year during the war. At the site of the crevice Gert presented a brief history of the wars and the battlefield areas, the heroism of certain individuals and hardships that many people had to endure during those times.

A long technical drive down the mountain on an unused track saw us visit the mausoleum of General Piet Joubert and his wife Hendrina enroute to our campsite. Arrival back at camp was late with dark setting in on a very windy evening.

Monday was a leisurely rise to prepare breakfast, pack up and return home after a relaxing weekend each family leaving at their own time depending on obligations.

Would we recommend visiting *Three Provinces 4 x 4* with its great campsites and rustic ablutions – **Yes** – although a lot more time is required to visit the area?

Would we make any suggestions

Yes – Inform all visitors on arrival to refrain from using offensive language and playing music until the early hours.

Stagger the departure times of visitors to prevent congestion on the trails especially the quad bikers who must be separated from the cars.

Arrange groups into clusters of not more than 10 vehicles each.

Disallow the use of any alcohol while on the trail whether in a vehicle or on a quad (Thanks to our group – we set a good example!).

And especially that it be compulsory that all quad bike riders wear crash helmets i.e. NO HELMET – NO RIDE

Thanks to all who made this a relaxing uneventful, easy guiding weekend, and to our hosts for their enthusiasm, listening to us and addressing our concerns.

Kind regards
Frans & Denise

I sent this report to the owners, and got the following response (with thanks):

*Hi Alan,
Baie dankie vir die nuusbrieff. Ons waardeer dit.*

Aangaande die voorstelle van julle kant af. Dit is baie waardevol vir ons, want dit help om voortdurend te verbeter om sodoende almal tevede te stel. Ek sal graag wil reageer daarop deur te sê:

Ek en Herman het beide kennis geneem van Vrydagaand se geval in die kamp. Met aankoms is die groep versoek, voordat hulle na die kamp beweeg het, om hulle quads sag te hou en nie te lawaai in die kamp nie. Saterdag oggend is hulle streng aangespreek en daar is ook aan hulle

gesê dat hulle die kamp sal moet verlaat indien sulke gedrag sou voortgaan. Verskoning is gemaak aan Frans en hy is gevra om die verskoning ook aan die groep oor te dra. Ons is Christen mense en duld dit glad nie.

Julle moet vestaan dat mens met enige soort persoon te doen kry in hierdie bedryf. Daar is pertinente skriftelike reëls neergelê wat elke persoon met aankoms ontvang en hulle word versoek om dit deur te lees en na te kom. Dit is onmoontlik om die hele stel reëls met elke persoon deur te gaan sodra hulle arriveer. Dit sal die iskrywings lomp maak en mense raak geiriteerd as dit te lank draai, veral as hulle haastig is om te gaan tent opslaan voordat dit donker is. Daarom dan ook die praatjie die Saterdag oggend om sulke gevalle uit te sorteer om vir almal 'n heerlike naweek vorentoe te verseker.

Wat die res van julle voorstelle aan betref: Ek gaan nie op elkeen reageer nie, want ons ken die reëls. Elke groep verskil en elke groep het sy eie behoeftes. Dus, tensy 'n groep vooraf met ons reël hoe hulle daarvan hou om dinge te doen, gaan ons voort soos dit vir ons die beste werk.

Dankie nogmaals. Ons sal definitief aandag gee aan julle voorstelle.
Dankie vir julle ondersteuning.

Vriendelike groete
Herman en Ronel

(Ed. Excellent to see the poitive response based on the feedback provided. Well done Herman & Ronel, and we will be back)

THE TRADING POST - SWOP, SELL OR BUY:

LANDCRUISER

Voertuig : 1991 wit 80 Series Cruiser 4.0 Straight Six Petrol - 260 000 km's
9000kg winch
2 Spaarwiele
Splinter nuwe 4 bande
230 L totale petrol tanks
diffs & ratkas 100%
Stage 2 MAUS conversion 20 000km's terug gedoen
Prys R85 000 - Mnr. Fritz Roode (Cell : 083 2288391)

TRAILER FOR SALE

I have a one year old Afrispoor Offroad Trailer for sale and would appreciate it if you could include this in your next newsletter as it reaches the exact people that would go for this sort of thing. It is a fantastic unit and has given us many weekends of pleasure. (Approx. 17,000 kms)

Specs:-

BASIC TRAILER - AFRISPOOR "MONGOOSE" GREEN COLOUR

Add-ons:-

Freezer Nose Cone & Air Vent (also houses 220v connection – ext cord)
Box fitted in front of nose cone (This is for additional storage space)
Deep cycle battery 105 amp
2 Plate gas stove plus 2 gas bottles
Clothes drawer x 4
Table mounted in roof rack
Spare wheel carrier and spare wheel 245\75\15 on white trail duster rim
Interior fluorescent light – fitted in kitchen unit

Hella 12 volt male / female connectors - for extension lights x 4 – one on each corner
 Interior carpeted
 Kitchen unit - manufactured in wood for 6 people
 Cutlery & crockery for 6 people
 Key alike padlocks x 12
 12v -15amp battery charger
 Water tank mounted -70L
 Spade and mounting bracket
 Fire extinguisher mounted
 220v power socket mounted in nose cone
 Jerry can holders mounted on front doors incl jerry cans
 Roof top tent-trailer tent
 Trailer tent awning
 Trailer tent ladder
 Battery mounting bracket
 12v fuse box for electrical system
 Braked Axle
 Trailer tent sides-set of three (this encloses the entire trailer except nose cone and can sleep up to six people)

I am looking for R74,000.00
 Much Appreciated
 Gordon Jardine
 082 325 3357

COLT RODEO FOR SALE (CAPE TOWN)

Complete set of off road equipment to fit Double Cab Colt Rodeo for sale.

Tent Hannibal 1.4m (used about 5 times)	5000
Tent roof bracket for double cab with table storage	2500
Including solid aluminium fold-up table	600
Canopy Skytop white	5000
With aluminium roof rack and side ladder	2500
Awning Howling Moon 2,1m (fold up)	900
Pack rack marine ply (carpeted)	3500
Two slide drawers (bottles stand strait up)	
2x Toolbox	
2x ammo box slide	
Fridge slide to fit Engel 40l	
Water tank 60L aluminium with water baffles	<u>600</u>

R20600

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bernard@ixmail.co.za

VW SYNCHRO FOR SALE (CAPE TOWN)

Details of vehicle.

1989 VW Syncro with Andreno 2,3i motor fitted.
 Custom stainless steel free-flow exhaust system, with all pipes and box fitted high up to avoid trail damage.
 Gas shocks all around.
 15" wheels with almost new Goodyear Wranglers fitted x 6.
 Stiffer "taxi springs" in front.
 Upgraded 15" front disk brakes.
 40lt auxiliary fuel tank with electric pump.
 40lt water tank.
 Aircon pump built in with 5M hose for pumping tyres.
 Bull-bar with gooseneck receiver for tow hitch and high lift jack points.

Dual swing arm spare wheel brackets fitted to rear bumper.
New split propshaft with centre bearing.
(Rear side shafts recently replaced.)

External.

4 load bars on roof to carry a rooftop tent and a roof rack (not included).
Canvas side awning.

Internal.

Radio with CD front loader.
Dual battery system with 105 AH battery as the auxiliary.
3 Hella sockets positioned around the inside for running 12V lights/appliances.
Fold up mattress.
Curtains on all windows.

All the above for an asking price of R85,000, negotiable.

In addition as extras

Hannibal roof rack with 2 double jerry can holders, a gas bottle holder, spade brackets, high lift jack brackets and a stainless steel table housed underneath. R3500.

Home made drawer system which takes 4 ammo cases. (This is positioned in place of the middle seat.) R1460.

It must be noted that there are rust patches around the front windscreen, foot wells, gutters and roof which need attention.

This vehicle has been used extensively off road (including long trips to Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia and therefore has scratches, scrapes and dents as proof of its pedigree. I am willing to negotiate with any serious prospective buyers due to the battle scars on the body work.

Other info.

The water pump was replaced 2 months ago.

I have 6 spare CV boots as well as various fan belts which I will throw in as well.

My family aren't talking to me, but that's another story!!

Regards,

Philip Scott

Tel / Fax: (021) 555-3573

Mobile: (082) 446-1981

DIGITAL CAMERA FOR SALE

Fujifilm S3000 Finepix Digital Camera, 3.2m pixels, 6 x Optical Zoom, 3.2 Digital Zoom, Electronic Viewfinder, Movie without sound, 1.8" LCD monitor, USB cable, Windows compatible device, with standard 16MB memory card. Original Purchase Price R2400.00

Additional 64Mb Memory Card – R500

Lowerpro multipocket Carry bag – R350

Camera about 2 years old, and its fine shots can be seen on the club website.

I will take any offers from **R950** (was R1500) for the lot seriously. First come first served. Ideal for those who want to get into the digital market...not negotiable as it is a bargain!

Alan Goodway - 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za

TOOLSET (FOR LANDY OWNERS?) FOR SALE

Hi guys I have a Facom (French made - excellent quality) wall mounted tool chest with tools for sale. I was wondering if you would be so kind as to put the following attachment on your notice board or distribute it amongst your members.

The tools are British standard sizes e.g 7/16" 1/2" etc and are in excellent condition. A couple of screw drivers are missing. My name is Pat Finaughty and can be contacted on 083 608-2535 or on my e-mail address patfin@polka.co.za
CHEST SIZE APPROX. 85cm X 85cm X 30cm. IDEAL FOR EARLIER BRITISH, EUROPEAN, AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN VEHICLES.
Many thanks and regards
Pat

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SEATBELT

Gauteng Metro policeman pulled a car over and told the driver that because he had been wearing his seat belt he had just won R5 000, in an Arrive Alive safety competition. The driver could hardly believe his luck. "What are you going to do with your cash?" asked the traffic cop.

"Well I guess I'm going to get a driver's license," he answered. "Oh, don't listen to him," yelled a woman in the passenger seat. "He tries to be smart when he's drunk."

This woke up the guy in the back seat who took one look at the cop and moaned, "I knew we wouldn't get far in a stolen car."

At that moment there was a knock from the boot and a voice said, "Are we over the border yet?" The cop fainted.

AN ENGINEER AND A PROGRAMMER

A programmer and an engineer are sitting next to each other on a long flight from Los Angeles to New York.

The programmer leans over to the engineer and asks if he would like to play a fun game.

The engineer just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

The programmer persists and explains that the game is real easy and is a lot of fun. He explains "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5. Then you ask me a question, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$5."

Again, the engineer politely declines and tries to get to sleep.

The programmer, now somewhat agitated, says, "OK, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5, and if I don't know the answer, I'll pay you \$100!"

This catches the engineer's attention, and he sees no end to this torment unless he plays, so he agrees to the game.

The programmer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The engineer doesn't say a word, but reaches into his wallet, pulls out a five dollar bill and hands it to the programmer.

Now, it's the engineer's turn. He asks the programmer "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down on four?"

The programmer looks up at him with a puzzled look. He takes out his laptop computer and searches all of his references. He taps into the Airphone with his modem and searches the net and the Library of Congress. Frustrated, he sends e-mail to his co-workers--all to no avail.

After about an hour, he wakes the Engineer and hands him \$100. The engineer politely takes the \$100 and turns away to try to get back to sleep. The programmer, more than a little miffed, shakes the engineer and asks "Well, so what's the answer?" Without a word, the engineer reaches into his wallet, hands the programmer \$5, and turns away to get back to sleep.

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Visit Willie, Rochelle, Neil, Phillip or any one of the other professional representatives at the new Echo 4x4 Centre situated in the Route 21 Corporate Park, 9 Regency Avenue, Irene (off Nelmapius Drive (off the R21)).

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Speak to Phillip (club member)

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KJ BOLTON CONSULTANT cc

Contact Kevin @ 082 564 3639 or Marietjie 012-6549813

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Unit 5, Herman Road, Meadowdale (off Barbara Road)
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5% discount when paying with a credit card & 10% discount for cash.

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The discount to the 4x4 community and members of our club is 10% off their listed prices. This will be on presentation of the club membership card. This shop has EVERYTHING. Customisation of tents etc. on site! Speak to Larry, Brian (both club members) or any of the staff in the shop.

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12) ONLY FOR MEMBERS - HAVANAH CAFÉ (MENLYN)

Invitation to all club members: ***When they arrive at Havana Café in Menlyn Shopping Centre and they produce proof of their club membership, they will receive a 10% discount on their total bill.***

For those of the members who visit the Barnyard for one of their excellent shows, members can also contact us to find out more about our platters that we provide for Barnyard functions - at very competitive prices. Once again, a discount could be considered for tables of 8 or more.

André and Thea Sonnekus

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