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Trails & Tribulations...

Hi there enthusiasts,

With a flash of the morning sun and evening skyline, February has rapidly disappeared. And the sad thing is, it had an extra day, and I did not even get to use it properly. So a huge apology for being late with the newsletter, but it has been hectic.

But not as hectic as the brave soul who organised the Landy Guinness Book of Records event. Well done boet! 1001 Landy's in a moving convoy, and 1007 Landy's in attendance. Must have been an awesome sight. The photos look great, but I bet to experience it must have been even better. There naturally had to be some hitches along the way, but knowing the Landy types, they are very rustig about things like that, afterall...years of practice... ☺

Most critical news in this newsletter is to try and get to the industry briefing sessions this week. There we will all hear what happens to NOW and what the OFFROAD COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (ORCSA) will mean in our lives, as it is now constituted. Try and attend people, it is your sport, living and freedom that is at stake.

The Reach For a Dream 4x4 organised by the 4x4 Community Forum, RFAD and McCarthy Toyota saw a huge contingent head out to the Rhino Park 4x4 Track, to see them raise R45 000 for a worthy cause. Well done to Herman and Adriaan and their helpers. Always good to see the 4x4 community get involved in humanitarian efforts.

Finally, Isibonela Adventures has now successfully been training the new DCC at the highest professional level, and is getting rave reviews from the learners. Having now trained operator companies such as Roads to Roam, Bhejane 4x4 Adventures, the Volkswagen Driving Academy 4x4 Trainers and many 4x4 OAC members plus members of the public, we are proud to offer this service to the ever growing 4x4 enthusiast market. Give me a shout! Train with the best!!!

That's it for now. Another bumper issue to keep you busy! Be safe!

Yours in 4x4ing.



Alan Goodway (GP 1796)
Editor (voluntary!)





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Calendar of Training / Events

Herewith find training opportunities / events with the Isibonela Adventures, and its professional associates, offered to the public. Courses only run if sufficient numbers subscribe. Errors and omissions reserved. Please enquire to 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za

Date	Event	Venue
3 March 2012	Reach for a Dream 4x4 Fund Day Challenge	Rhino 4x4 Trail, Cullinan District
10 & 11 March 2012	4x4 Driver Competency Certificate (DCC) Training	Southern Cape District (FULL)
14 & 18 March 2012	4x4 Driver Competency Certificate (DCC) Training	Midrand / Bronkhorstspuit (FULL)
17 & 18 March 2012	GPS Software, Mapping & Navigation Course	Centurion
12 & 15 April 2012	4x4 Driver Competency Certificate (DCC) Training	Midrand / Bronkhorstspuit
5 May 2012	Mapping Course	Centurion
TBA (Several Dates)	Wilderness First Aid Course	Centurion
TBA (Several Dates)	Bush Mechanics Course	Centurion
TBA (Several Dates)	Firefighting for Campers	Centurion
TBA (Several Dates)	Camp Cooking	Centurion

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Roads to Roam Adventure Holidays

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ZIMBABWE

Have you ever wondered what Americans and Europeans and as a matter of fact, most other nations' think of South Africa? Most of them expect that every single person on the street that is not hiding behind burglar bars, is a gun-toting criminal and that they probably would not make it from the airport to the hotel without being robbed or killed. Instead they were pleasantly surprised – and such was my experience in Zimbabwe.

Police road blocks, toll gates, bribery, crime and “we have no change” – all these things have put me off of visiting Zimbabwe for years. It was time to go and see for myself...

Early February I entered Zimbabwe through a small border post east of Francistown. Not too long afterwards I encountered the first police road block and my heart jumped into my throat. This is it – if they can find anything wrong on the vehicle I am going to have to pay an exorbitant fine (no receipt) or end up in jail.... The Zimbabwean registered vehicle in front of me was pulled off the road and my heart went from my throat straight down to my feet. If he was pulled over, what on earth was going to happen to me and my foreign registration number? Nothing, that's what happened. I was waved through without even having to stop. I had survived my first police road block (and 29 more) in Zimbabwe and although they were not all without minor hiccups, I am safely back in South Africa and cannot wait to return!

If you would like to hear more about travelling in Zimbabwe, there will be a presentation at the 4x4 Enthusiast Meeting on 13 March 2012. If you are unable to attend, you can send an email to info@roadstoroam.co.za for a complete trip report. Photos are available on our Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/roads.toroam>.

In the meantime I am finalizing a tour to Zimbabwe for later this year, details and dates will be available at the Enthusiast Meeting with a special discount offered for reservations done at the meeting or contact us via email. If you prefer to tour without a guide, we can do your route planning and reservations for you – the details are available on <http://www.roadstoroam.co.za/home1>.

Happy roaming!

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Hit the Trail – NEWS, FEATURES and the REST...

ITS OFFICIAL – SAFARI CENTRE SOLD!

IMPERIAL ACQUIRES CONTROLLING INTEREST IN SAFARI CENTRES

The 4x4 market will have new energy pumped into it with Imperial Holdings Limited's acquisition of the controlling interest in Safari Centres, which now fall under Imperial Automotive Retail.

Safari Centre has eight retail stores and fitment centres round the country, offering one-stop shopping for high quality 4x4 accessories and outdoor equipment. Their highly-skilled employees fit 4x4 accessories professionally in their AA-approved workshops – and all workmanship is backed with a two-year warranty.

The man behind Safari Centre, André de Villiers, retains a shareholding in the business and will continue as managing director. Well-known among the 4x4 fraternity, he hosts the TV show, *Safari 4x4 Roetes*, on Kyknet.

“Safari Centre was established 15 years ago,” says de Villiers, “and I’m proud to say that all our branches have built up really strong support from people passionate about 4x4s, and outdoor enthusiasts who thoroughly enjoy off-road driving and adventure travel. The link with Imperial will certainly open new vistas and widen our scope. For one thing, we’ll obviously benefit from Imperial’s car dealership referrals and it also offers us synergy and opens up further channels to consumers with other outdoor and leisure industry brands owned by Imperial Automotive Retail.”

Safari Centre is now among the leading outdoor and leisure industry brands, along with Jurgens Ci, Howling Moon, Campworld and Jurgens Trailers. Its eight retail stores and fitment centres – a blend of owned and franchised outlets – can be found in Pretoria - Silverlakes, Menlyn and Centurion, in Durban – Gateway Shopping Centre and in Upington, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Vereeniging.

For further information, please visit www.safaricentre.co.za



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VERY IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL ENTHUSIASTS TO ATTEND

Off-Road Stakeholders
NOW Board Associations / Members
Off-Road Media

28 February 2012

Proposed Dates for NOW Geographical Workshops: March 2012

Dear Associations and Off-Road Stakeholders

As we communicated towards the end of last year (NOW letters dated the 17th October 2011 and 10th November 2011), we are embarking on a number of national workshops to:

- Inform you on the progress made with the Norms and Standards process;
- Discuss the Co-Regulatory Board (provisionally named – Off-Road Council of South Africa, ORCSA);
- Discuss the transition / timeline process from NOW to ORCSA;
- Specifically secure input / comments for ORCSA regards:
 - Function & Mandate / Representation / Governance / Branding / Communication / Fundraising
 - Priorities / Targets for ORCSA – 3year framework
- To create a platform at these workshops for idea sharing and raising other relevant topics.

The following dates have been secured:

- (1) 7th March 2012 – George
- (2) 13th March 2012 – Cape Town (also to include a session on Atlantis Dunes)
- (3) 14th March 2012 – Durban
- (4) 15th March 2012 – Johannesburg

Venues, workshop times, call for RSVPs will be confirmed and circulated by the 2nd of March 2012. This communication serves to make you aware of the key DATES!

NOW will consider hosting additional workshops at other destinations subject to at least 20 confirmed participants. Please contact Jaco Venter directly at jacoventersa@gmail.com regards additional workshops that will not be covered by above destinations.

For any further communication regards, please contact Jaco Venter at jacoventersa@gmail.com.

Best regards

NOW National Director
Jaco Venter





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OFFROAD MARSHAL UNIT NEEDS YOU!!!!

Are you passionate about off-road driving and racing?

YES? – then Marshalling would provide a great opportunity to get actively involved in the local off-road scene! The best way for you (or any off-road club members) to do this would be to join the ORMU.

The ORMU activities give fans of off-road racing and challenges unprecedented access to events. Rather than sitting passively on the side-lines, you can become actively involved in the organisation and running of the events. Being a Marshal allows you to combine a love of the bush with a passion for off-road motor sport and 4X4 activities. Even if you don't have your own 4x4 there is always a need for additional crew members.

Demand for the services of marshals has steadily increased, and because of this the unit is on the lookout for new recruits. With this in mind, the ORMU would like to encourage interested 4x4 enthusiasts and clubs to call for more information. Please contact Dave Schofield for more info at: - Tel: 082 894 6342 or email: offroadmarshals@gmail.com

ASSOCIATION OF ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS SOUTHERN AFRICA – AGM – CHAIRMAN'S 2011 REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the busy times that we are living in, thank you all for making time available to attend the AAWDC AGM. A special thanks to Toyota SA for making the venue available and supplying refreshments so generously for the evening.

In the previous years the Chairman's report reflected predominantly on activities during the preceding year. This year the report has two components to it. The first component is a brief overview of the past year and the second component addresses the future. I trust that by the end of the report you will agree to these changes.

Allow me to report on the AAWDC activities for the 2011 financial year. I find it appropriate to use the structure of the AAWDC Strategy for this report.

1. LIASON AND COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER REGULATORY BODIES

1.1. NATIONAL OFF-ROAD WORKGROUP (NOW)

The AAWDC has continued to support the NOW initiative during 2011. Unfortunately NOW did not deliver the funding as is set out in the Co-Regulation Strategy and Implementation framework. The AAWDC has been aware of this non-performance deliverable and despite a motion of concern that the AAWDC delivered to NOW in which it asked, *inter alia*, for a copy of the approved funding strategy the AAWDC never received such a document for the funding strategy in the 2011 financial year. The AAWDC delivered the motion of concern in the trust that it would bring about the desired effects in support of the Strategy for Co-Regulation and that the NOW members/shareholders will call for the corrective actions needed by the NOW Board of Directors. Unfortunately the AAWDC never received any positive response on the motion delivered. The AAWDC is furthermore perturbed that the non-conformance on funding deliverables has led to the NOW decision to abandon the representative structure.



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However, we are pleased to report that the Norms and Standards are finalised and that the legislative finalisation thereof is now in the hands of the Department of Environmental Affairs. We would like to thank Salo de Swardt for his time in representing the AAWDC on NOW. We would also like to thank all the AAWDC members who positively participated in enabling the draft Norms and Standards.

1.2. OFF-ROAD RADIO ASSOCIATION (ORRA)

ORRA has remained to be one of the success stories of the AAWDC during the past year. We are pleased to announce that years of dedicated effort from the ORRA team to get a third VHF licence has finally paid off. The number of 29MHz licences sold decreased by 5% year-on-year and the number of VHF licences sold increased by 32% year-on-year. One of our challenges remain to find a solution for the dilemma that certain clubs hold more radio licences than their official membership contribution to the AAWDC and we trust to find an amicable solution in the coming year. ORRA is consistently challenged with the non-payment issue of radio licences at an outstanding licences fee rate of 10% of licence total. We are comfortable with the ORRA focus of reducing this figure even more during the coming year. We would like to congratulate the ORRA Chairman, Peter Claasen, the ORRA Radio officers in the clubs as well as the ORRA Administrator, Rina Stander, for doing an excellent job with ORRA.

2. PROMOTION OF STANDARDS IN THE OFF-ROAD SECTOR

2.1. Driver Training Manuals (DTM)

The number of AAWDC DTMs sold decreased by 40% year-on-year from 299 DTMs to 172 DTMs. Although work was initiated to re-write a more outcomes based version of the DTM, further development was hampered by the sudden death of the focus group leader, Schalk Kruger. Further development on the DTM will be addressed later in the report.

2.2. Overland Travel Manual (OTM)

Although the OTM table of contents and subjects are finalised and approved, the AAWDC could not recruit a Focus Group Leader to finalise the project. This will also be addressed later in the report.

2.3. Driver Competency Certification (DCC)

In line with the NOW Strategy and Implementation framework the DCC project funding is a NOW deliverable. The AAWDC completed all the preparation work needed and submitted the funding proposal for the DCC project to NOW. We received a notice from NOW that it did not have the funding, as agreed in the strategy, and was left to the AAWDC to source it's own funding for the project.

3. PROMOTIONS OF INTERCLUB RELATIONS

3.1. AAWDC Interclub Family Day

The Land Cruiser Club hosted the AAWDC Interclub Family Day. Again a very high standard was set and the Interclub Family Day has over the past few years become a proud event of the AAWDC. The Interclub Family Day this year had Stop Rhino Poaching as beneficiary and an amount of R83 000,00 was collected and handed over to the initiative. Well done to the LCCSA. Congratulations to the 4x4 ATV club for winning the event and we wish the McCarthy 4x4 club the best of luck in hosting the event in 2012. We would like to extend our thanks to the many sponsors which made it an unforgettable and exciting day.



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3.2. 4-Words Newsletter

The objective to communicate with the AAWDC membership base was successfully achieved with five newsletters that went out the past year. Positive feedback was received on a wide front with compliments from the 4x4 industry and members that got value from this information.

3.3. Website

The AAWDC website serves as a major communication platform and source of information, application forms and news related information. During the past year the website was visited 1 970 times, and in spite of the fact that the AAWDC does not organise monthly events like member clubs, the number of website visits does impress.

4. GROWING THE AAWDC MEMBERSHIP BASE

4.1. Admin

One of the key cornerstones in growing and maintaining the membership base is to have an effective and efficient admin structure in place. The AAWDC is proud of our admin support and we would like to thank and congratulate Isla Blasa for a job well done. It is always a pleasant experience to talk to her and we appreciate what she is doing to maintain a positive image of the AAWDC. Well done Isla!

4.2. Regions

The AAWDC currently has only one region in the Cape and their activities are reported in the AAWDC Cape Regional Chairman's report that was recently delivered at the AAWDC Cape AGM. We wish Fred Bartens and his team the best of luck in running their region in the new year.

4.3. AAWDC membership base

The AAWDC Club members remained at last year's level of 53 clubs and the Associate members decreased from 16 to 14 Associates.

5. AAWDC STRATEGY – QUO VADIS?

The AAWDC, and most likely its members as well, are increasingly confronted with the disconnect between two major forces that so prominently impact on club structures in the times that we are living in today. On the one hand the changing macro environment is demanding major changes. Examples thereof are amongst others, the following:

- Compliance to regulatory and statutory requirements like competency certification to access eco-sensitive areas
- Demands from Governments in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to have country specific two-way radio licences.
- Similar demands from SADC governments to have guided tours for convoy travelling in their countries.
- Regulatory structures and demands on the broader 4x4 user base to be part of the development and compliance of standards on guiding, overlanding, environmental behaviour etc. If the AAWDC does not have access to these development and advisory structures, we fall behind in representing our member base's interests.

On the other hand, at micro environmental level, it becomes increasingly difficult to find members that have spare time available to run national and/or large scale projects, be committed to deadlines without compromising personal and employer demands while the person is only a



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volunteer on the project. However, on the deliverable side, the AAWDC's future successes depends on its ability to:

- Run projects of substantial scale both in and outside our national borders.
- Develop a funding strategy and to find sponsors/funders on a holistic and integrated basis (and not on loose standing pockets of funding projects) to enable the implementation of these projects.
- Deliver against specific outcomes to satisfy sponsors/funders/membership base
- Be perceived to be actively contributing to the environment and social projects
- Employ the latest envelope of communication media options to get its message across.
- Be perceived to bring a value proposition to its members.

In summary, the AAWDC sits with a three-tier of forces to meet the future. In the one corner we have external demands on the Association of which we have little control over other than to respond correctly to it. In the other corner we have pressure on delivering which will ultimately ensure the Association's survival. In the third corner the Association sits with its own internal capability as merely a group of enthusiasts and volunteers.

It is my wish that the AAWDC will, in the very near future, realise and agree, that the future of the Association is dependent on its willingness to enter into a process of finding the correct balance between these forces. I further hope that the Association will subsequently employ a process of strategy development to the benefit of its members. We might have to come to terms with the fact that the Association's future organisational structure, which will be a direct development of such a strategy, will look mind blowingly different to what we are comfortable with at the moment.

Please understand that the success of such an optimistic process will not be in the hands of only the Association's office bearers. The success will be dependent on the contribution of the membership base and the ability to gather a key group of motivated and strategy skilled resources from the base.

6. CLOSING

I would like to thank each and every committee member and focus group leaders, our administrators Isla and Rina, our member clubs, our associate members and everybody else that participated during 2011 in our various projects. We appreciate your unselfish contribution in serving the AAWDC and its members. I would also like to thank Toyota SA for making their facilities available for our committee meetings over the past year.

Allow me a dedicated offer of appreciation to our outgoing President, Danie de Villiers. Danie bought his first 4x4 34 years ago and joined the club structures 25 years ago. Soon afterwards he envisioned a representative structure for 4x4 clubs and in 1991 he got a few clubs together to form the AAWDC. As an inaugural member he served as the AAWDC Chairman for 10 years and the past 11 years he served as President.

Danie, we respect you as a visionary and as an operator that has given 21 years of your time in building and contributing to the AAWDC to what it is today. You have been our cushion of comfort in confidence and it was always assuring to know that you are around and available to share your years of experience. Personally I appreciate the support and comfort that you have given me at all times and for being such a successful mentor to so many of us.



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Enjoy the rest period and we wish that you may enjoy many years of pleasant 4x4'ing as well as exceptional health in the future. It is my wish that the AAWDC will continue to see growth in 2012 and that the members that we serve, will benefit from our efforts.

Regards
Jakob Jordaan
CHAIRMAN

PROBLEMS IN BOTSWANA FROM NEWSLETTER READER:

More Alan,

Sal jy asb vir jou lede 'n boodskap deur gee rakende diefstal in Botswana. Ek het Vrydag terugvoer gekry van die Polisie op Gweta. Ek weet nie of jy die tipe waarskuwings uitstuur nie maar as jy dit wel doen sal ek bly wees. Die ontnugtering en skok vir my groep was baie groot en het 'n groot inpak gehad op die res van ons twintig dae trip.

Die meeste voorvalle kom slegs voor waar die kamptereine in of naby dorpe is.

Baie Dankie
Dewald

Sien hieronder my storie:

Die Botswana Polisie het in 3mnde slegs 2 arrestasies uitgevoer maar ongelukkig nie die manne in beheer vas getrek nie. Ek vra dat indien so iets wel gebeur met toeriste, hulle dit asb dadelik moet aanmeld by die naaste polisiekantoor.

(Ek het reeds in Februarie al gehoor dat die aangeleentheid (Diefstal teiken Toerisme) (Negatiewe inpak op Toerisme) op 'n kabinets vergadering bespreek is.)

Gedurende Desember 2011 het ons (een 4x4 en drie motorfietse) daar oorgebly vir twee nagte. Rond gery en die bang Italianers het lekker in die panne gery met hulle motorfietse. Die kampeerterein by Planet Baobab laat 'n mens redelik gerus voel met hoe heinings en wagte.

Ongelukkig was dit van geen waarde en het hulle ook ons tente oop gemaak en ons besteel terwyl ons geslaap het, gelukkig kon een van die Italianers wakker word om ons ander wakker te maak! En dit alles 01h30 in die oggend, terwyl ons lekker snork in sagte reen!!!!

Om een of ander rede was die wag tussen ons tente nog voordat ons uit die tente kon storm!!!! (volgens die polisie was die wagte deel van die groep inbreekers)

Op die einde van die aand het hulle my landy, waentjie en twee motorfietse se sleutels ook gesteel. (gelukkig het ons spaar sleutels gehad)

Terwyl ons met die bestuurder van Planet Baobab praat word hy oor die radio geroep en ingelig dat daar nou net aan die oorkant van die oord by die overland gaste ook ingebreek is. Die polisie was binne minute op die toneel maar agv. die reen was dit onmoontlik om spoor te sny in die donker bosse.





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Ek het die volgende oggend die saak gaan aanmeld by die Polisie stasie op Gweta waar ons dan ook meegedeel is dat hulle die vorige aand ook mense by Gweta Lodge se tente oop gemaak en besteel het terwyl die mense geslaap het.

By Chobe Lodge aangekom presies dieselfde storie gelukkig het ons dit vrygespring daardie aand.

In beide gevalle het die polisie ons meegedeel dat die diefstal/identifeseering van teikens deur die oord personeel gedoen word (die toeriste/kampeeders moet mos geld en waardevolle artikels by hulle dra)

Hierdie is nie veronderstel om mense weg te hou van Botswana nie maar eerder om hulle voorteberei op wat kan gebeur.

In 17jr wat ek Botswana toe gaan was dit vir my en my groepe 'n eerste keer.

- Sluit jou voertuig
- Steek waardevolle artikels weg
- Indien jou tent twee zips (ritsluiters) het maak hulle met 'n knippie aan mekaar vas (van binne af)
- Sorg dat jou tent mooi belig is (buite)
- Koop 'n mobiele alarm en sit dit in die tent neer sodat dit die (zip) ritsluiter kan dop hou terwyl jy slaap
- Daar word self by daktente ingeklim terwyl die toeriste slaap (Chobe Lodge)

.... die rowers kom nie ongewapen, wees versigtig (ons het die volgende oggend 3 verskillende messe om ons tente opgetel)

SAL ek dit weer doen **JA JA JA** ek het reeds my besprekings vir Desember 2012 gedoen maar die keer weet ek wat om saam te neem en te verwag!!!!!!!

Hoop van harte dat julle, julle trippies sal geniet
Dewald

THABA NKWE IS NOT TO BE DRIVEN!!!!

Dear All,

This generic mail serves to inform the recipient (albeit an individual, club member or club owner) as follows.

The writer is the legal owner of the "property" generally referred to as "Hekpoort" (The remaining section of section 123, a section of section 4, of the farm Hekpoort 504 JQ). Attached herewith for your convenience and or records is a screen dump depicting the geographical location including GPS reference points of the property adjacent to the R563 and the perimeter fence line coloured in blue.

It came to our attention that individual and or club events/activities has taken place on our property in the past prior to November 2011. The aforesaid events have taken place without our





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cognisance and the property was generally referred to as THABA NKWE in the media and web sites although some events were advertised under different names including Weltevreden, Indnwe Mountain.

Prior to the end of November 2011 the property was leased to Mr Deon Groenewald whom resides on the farm neighbouring onto the property (perimeter fence depicted in pink on the attachment referred to above) and also depicted as Thaba Nkwe on "Google street maps view". In the light of the fact that the lease agreement was cancelled no further events / activities of any kind may take place on the property without the writers explicit written consent to prevent legal proceedings been instituted for trespassing on private property.

All queries regarding the above communiqué may be referred to the writer and we will endeavour to respond promptly.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding.

Regards

Chris van Blommestein

4X4 KUNGWINI CENSUS ADVENTURE (27TH TO 29TH OF APRIL 2012 STARTING 09H00.)

One of the most positive things that a 4x4 group of people ever done was way back during 2007 with 4x4 Mega World in Parque Nacional do Limpopo. a Census were groups of 4x4 enthusiast helped collecting info of animals, insects, plants, trees, tracks, dung and reptiles that they saw. All info was collected with their cameras, GPS's and laptops. About 1 million hectares of conservation land were covered during 4 days and also tons of info about the wild life in the area. This whole operation was planned and overseen by Johan Klopper and members of the Peace Parks Foundation. One of the highlights during this census was the discovery of a new species spider.

4x4 Kungwini (Johan Klopper and Hugo Prinsloo) plan such (3 days 2 nights) an event during the 27th of April 2012. This is serious business but lots of fun. You do not need experience. All you need to do is bring your 4x4, Laptop, camera, Cell Phone, GPS, outdoor clothes and books about nature such as "trees of SA" Roberts "Birds of SA" Snakes, grasses and other related books to nature.

The area that we plan to cover is the Eco Trail and Birding route area of 4x4Kungwini at the most Eastern tip of the Magalies berg. Depending on the amount of participants during the census different areas (Zones) will be allocated as camping sites. You will have to be totally self-sufficient, meaning fully ricked. For those who do not have equipment like water tanks, showers, roof top tents and braai facilities, 4x4 Kungwini camp sites will be available.

A maximum of only 20 vehicles will be allowed. You will be divided into groups off 5 vehicles per zone with a GPS reference point of your centre point. The registration fee per vehicle will be R460-00 from the 27th – 29th April (2 people and camping included – R50-00 per person extra). People that wish to come in the Thursday can have that night for free. R100-00 of the registration fee will be used as a lucky draw at the end of the census.

Registration forms available at [johan@4x4kungwini .co.za](mailto:johan@4x4kungwini.co.za) or info@4x4kungwini.co.za



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THE SECRETARY AND HER CELL PHONE – A FIRST!

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, history was made on 8 December when, for the first time in South Africa (and possibly in the world), a Secretary bird was fitted with a cell phone device.

Secretary birds, which are featured on the South African coat of arms, are in trouble because their numbers have declined drastically in the past 10 years and no-one is quite sure why. The only ground species of eagle, they were once widespread throughout Southern Africa but now, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red Data List, facing a 'high risk of extinction in the wild.'

To read more about the plight of the Secretary Bird and more specifically "Tshipi" our very own sponsored Secretary Bird please click on the Pipeline link below:

<http://pipeline/en/Networks/Articles/?clubId=77&articleId=583>

Kind Regards

Lynn Berowsky

Communications Assistant - Public and Corporate Affairs

De Beers Corporate Headquarters

THE FALSE CROSS

February 17, 2012

The famous constellation Crux, the Southern Cross, is the jewel of the southern sky and the starting point for most observers who wish to learn the stars of the southern hemisphere. But in their search for Crux, many stargazers are tricked by the "False Cross", a group of stars in the constellations Carina and Vela that resemble Crux. Here's how to find the False Cross, and how to tell the difference from the real thing.

The only audio guide to the stars of the southern hemisphere! Grab your binoculars, plug in your iPod, and tour the wonders of the southern stars. Full notes and star maps included for all four seasons.

The False Cross lies about 25 degrees west-northwest of the Southern Cross, and about 20 degrees north-northeast of the Large Magellanic Cloud. It's not a constellation, merely an asterism of four stars: delta Velorum, kappa Velorum, iota Carinae, and epsilon Carinae (Avior).

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The "False Cross" and the constellation Crux, the Southern Cross, as seen looking south in early March at 9 p.m. local time from 35S latitude.

The False Cross tends to grab the attention of new stargazers, possibly because it's a little larger than Crux. (Many are surprised at the small size of Crux when they first see it... the long axis of



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Crux is just 6 degrees long). But here's how to tell the difference: the False Cross has more of a diamond-shape, while Crux has more of a true cross (or kite) shape. Crux also has brighter stars, on average, and has two very bright stars alpha and beta Centauri to the southeast. Crux also has a fifth star, epsilon Crucis, between the stars Acrux and delta Crucis.

Grab a pair of binoculars and sweep the region around the False Cross. It is resplendent with fine open star clusters and emission nebulae. The cluster IC 2488 is a snap to find... it's about halfway between kappa Vel and i Carinae, just east of the line joining the two stars.

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(I made the same mistake myself on my first trip to the southern hemisphere... and I was an astronomy grad student who should have known better!)

Here's how to find the False Cross, and how to tell the difference from the real thing. Click here to learn more...<http://www.oneminuteastronomer.com/5337/false-cross/>

Clear skies,
Brian Ventrudo, Ph.D.
Publisher, One-Minute Astronomer

SELLING THE ASSETS!

Throughout history, powerful nations have conquered weaker nations and exploited their resources. In those times, impacts were low and had no lasting consequences on natural systems. As technology developed and populations grew, this exploitation started to impact on biodiversity, system-functioning and ultimately on climate.

A classic example is the removal of most of the tropical hardwood forests of West Africa to satisfy the demands of the colonial masters in Europe. Logging in tropical forests around the world is having a major impact on climate change. Carbon, locked up for eons in this enormous biomass, is released and the huge capacity of these forests to absorb carbon is lost forever. The clearing of the forests of the Amazon basin has resulted in the shrinking, at a frightening rate, of the largest tropical forest on the planet. Environmentalists have been lobbying tirelessly for years, for the protection of a resource that has a major impact on the world's climate, without much success.

Last year exploitation of the timber in the Amazon by logging companies fell by 23%. That was excellent news until you took a world view. The largest conservation area in Mozambique, the Niassa Reserve covers parts of Cabo Delgado Province and nearly one third of Niassa Province and is twice the size of the world-famous Kruger National Park. This huge wilderness preserve, covering 42 000 square kilometers, is only just being discovered and contains by far the greatest concentration of wildlife in Mozambique.

The wildlife remains free and unfettered. A sable antelope population of over 12000, an elephant population of 16000, over 400 bird species, and large populations of Cape buffalo, impala,

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wildebeest, zebra and leopards, roam the plains and river valleys against a backdrop of towering inselbergs (or island mountains) that dominate the topography here.

Niassa Reserve boasts an African wild dog population of over 350, significant for an endangered mammal with a global population estimated at 8000. The area has three endemic species - the Niassa wildebeest, Boehm's zebra, and Johnston's Impala.

Brazilian logging companies have been granted huge timber concessions by the Mozambique Government in Niassa Reserve. Bowing to international pressure to stop exploiting timber in the Amazon basin, they have turned to a developing African country in desperate need of financial resources to offset years of civil war and underdevelopment.

The consequences for Niassa will be profound, as will be the knock on effect on carbon emissions and climate change.
(KZN Wildlife Rhino Club Newsletter)

RECORD CONVOY AT SA LANDY FESTIVAL

By IOL Motoring Staff

South Africa's first Landy Festival, held at the Malonjeni Guest Farm near the Vaal River on 3 and 4 March, delivered a World record with 1001 Land Rovers completed the 27km convoy - beating the previous mark by 653 vehicles.

The festival brought together Land Rover enthusiasts, but its main aim was to set a world record for the most Land Rovers on parade. In April 2007 Kingsley Holgate set the bar at 347 as he led a convoy away from Cape Point at the start of his Afrika Outside Edge Expedition. That record stood until last year, when a Convoy For Heroes held in the UK beat it by just one Landy.

In the build-up to the record attempt a Pimp My Landy competition was held on the Landy Festival website. Every person who pre-registered for the world record attempt went into the draw to win R67 000 worth of Land Rover accessories.

Ulrich Niehaus was drawn as the winner and had his Defender kitted out there and then. Sponsor Wayne Coombe-Heath explained: "People just love watching other people work. So, we decided to take someone's standard Land Rover and kit it out with absolutely everything - right there."

850 people pre-registered for the festival; they came from all parts of Southern Africa in mini-convoys of friends and club members, in Land Rovers of every type and age, from Cape Town, Kimberley, Durban, Bloemfontein and Postmasburg. Still more came from Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Namibia.

The oldest Land Rover at the festival was a 1949 Series 1 owned by Rick Mason. This classic vehicle was used as a workhorse in the timber plantations of the Natal Midlands until Rick rescued and restored it. Festival goers were able to camp on the farm where they could exchange Land Rover stories around the campfire. Some eager Landy lovers even arrived days in advance to offer their assistance to the organisers.

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At the stalls in the Bush Mall under the blue-gum trees, enthusiasts could check out everything from fancy shocks to seat cover and even branded clothing. The Gabriel Wings aerobatic team put on a breathtaking display on both days, with top pilot Scully Levin in the lead.

LINED UP AND READY TO GO

The convoy took place on Sunday. A holding area had been set aside and each Land Rover had to be officially signed into the area. Lawyers recorded the driver's details as well as the vehicle. It was a time-consuming process and by 11am there were already 750 Land Rovers ready to rumble.

By the time organiser Craig Dutton gave his 1pm drivers' briefing there were 1007 Land Rovers lined up and ready to go. At 2pm the convoy of 1007 Landys got underway. One of the vehicles did not start, three crashed into each other and a further two dropped out leaving 1001 in the convoy which stretched for 27km and took two hours to pass any given point.

Dutton now has to submit data, video and picture evidence to the Guinness Book of World Records to ratify the record - and he'll be applying for two World records - one for the biggest Land Rover convoy (1001) and another for the largest number of Land Rovers in one place (1007).

RHINO STATS – 2012 STARTS OFF ATROCIOUSLY!!!

Hi Alan,

You published some stats regarding rhino poaching in your most recent newsletter. You may find these figures of interest as they depict the situation for the 12 years.

31 rhino have been killed during January!

Kind regards

Alan Calenborne

SA	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
KNP	0	4	20	14	7	10	17	10	36	50	146	252	17	583
MNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
GP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	15	9	0	31
LIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	16	52	74	9	174
MP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	6	17	31	0	61
NW	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	10	57	21	1	98
EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	11	0	19
FS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	0	9
KZN	7	2	5	8	3	1	5	0	14	28	38	34	3	148
WC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
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PETROL PRICES SKY ROCKETING!!

South Africa's petrol pump prices in the main inland commercial region of Gauteng will increase by 28 cents or 2.6 percent a litre next Wednesday, the energy department has announced. The new price for 95 grade petrol will be 11.23 rand a litre in the Gauteng region, from R10.95 rand in February. The wholesale diesel price will rise by about 1 percent to 10.37 rand.

During the period under review, the average international product prices of petrol, diesel, and illuminating paraffin increased, and the average rand/dollar exchange rate strengthened, the department said. The sharp increase in international crude oil prices came as a result of oil supply disruptions in Yemen, Syria, and Sudan.

News that Iran had been intensifying its nuclear enrichment programme escalated tensions between Iran and the West, further pushing up oil prices. Saudi Arabia's increase in oil exports by nine million barrels a day replaced the lost crude oil supplies, dampening prices from February 23.

Greece's second bail-out deal from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund helped to strengthen the rand/dollar exchange rate. China's decision to loosen monetary policy to boost economic growth also helped the exchange rate, as this improved prospects for South African exports. SAPA & Reuters

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R6 850-00 per person (Club Members)
Catered

Baines Baobabs/Okavango Delta (2-10 June)

R4 400-00 per person (Non-Members)
R 3 800-00 per person (Club Members)
Non-Catered

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TULI - LAND OF GIANTS

Botswana is a great destination. The people are friendly, honest and helpful. The wildlife is phenomenal. On a recent visit to Mashatu Reserve, which is at the southern end of the Tuli Block, we saw lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog all in the space of five days. We also saw herds of elephants, one of which numbered over 120, ranging in size from the tiniest calves to teenagers and large females. A large bull following but kept his distance.

The bird species were too numerous to record here, but there were many Kori Bustards staring at us imperiously as we passed. The cherry on top was an armadillo on the last night. Not fazed, it used the beam of our searchlight to find termites and other tasty insects. All this from an open vehicle where most of the animals were close enough to touch! The Limpopo River was in spate, so we had to leave our vehicles on the South African side and cross the river in the cable car, which is an exciting experience.

We visited Solomon's Wall on the Motloutse River and climbed up a steep koppie to see Rhodes Tree. Rhodes had sheltered here as he passed through on his way north and carved his initials on a Baobab which are still visible. Once Africa is in your blood, you have to keep coming back! (KZN Wildlife Rhino Club newsletter).

(Our club will be venturing into this area in April 2012, so watch for the feedback. Ed)

SKELETON COAST CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

As the Skeleton Coast Camp concession is based on annual renewal, and the present concession expires at the end of May 2012, Wilderness Safaris has decided that it is not economically feasible to re-build the main area of the camp that was destroyed in an unexpected fire at the end of 2011 and has thus decided to close the Skeleton Coast Camp.

Wilderness Safaris has however been successful in negotiating with the Namibian government and communities to establish a new camp south of the existing concession on Namibia's most productive ephemeral river system, the Hoanib.

It is hoped that the new camp (tentatively named Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp) will be completed on the 1 August 2012. Confirmation of this is expected within the next week, at which time all existing Skeleton Coast Camp bookings will from that date onwards be moved to the new camp.

Tour Brief will be setting up a site for the new camp and will update the site as information becomes available.

In the meantime all Skeleton Coast Camp bookings have provisionally been booked into Serra Cafema as an alternative.

Although not identical to Skeleton Coast Camp, Serra Cafema offers a similar experience in terms of its absolute remoteness, the vastness of its scenery, a great variety of Namib

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VENUS, JUPITER AND THE MOON

Venus and Jupiter have been in our early evening skies for the past few months - Venus is the very bright "evening star" in the west; Jupiter is almost as bright, in the north-west (higher and to the right of Venus).

Over the next few weeks, the two planets will appear to move closer to and then past each other. Watch out especially for:

- * Venus passing Jupiter - 13th Mar
- * Moon passing Jupiter & Venus - 25th - 27th Mar
- * Venus near the young crescent Moon - 26th Mar

See www.planetarium.co.za for:

- * sky-maps of the above
- * a solar-system map showing what's actually happening
- * notes for educators on the above [it would be great if this can be passed on to schools!]

Regards

Claire Flanagan - Planetarium - Wits University

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ECO ACADEMY

The rhino is on the IUCN red list and critically endangered. Rhino poaching is an immediate and growing global concern. Rhino poachers killed at least 448 rhinos for their horns in 2011 alone.

While this statistic is shocking and remains a serious cause for concern, the losses are far greater when the numbers of orphaned and injured rhino calves that have not been successfully rehabilitated back into the wild are added to the equation.

At Eco Academy, we are addressing the challenges of environmental leadership through our campus operations and our teaching, research and student activities. As an incentive to successful students and part of an effort to increase anti-poaching success, the Eco Academy

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directors pledge to train one anti-poaching ranger for each successful 'one year' or 'gap year' graduate, free of any training fees.

ECO ACADEMY is a leader in providing quality eco and wildlife education in Africa and is positioned to be the benchmark Eco and Wildlife educational academy globally. The Academy offers amongst others, a one-year **Nature Guiding/Field Guide Course** and **GAP year courses** which will commence in April and July 2012, respectively.

The demand for tertiary education has increased dramatically over the past few years. Since January 2012, it was widely reported that more than a third of candidates who passed matric last year or 118 117 school leavers will not be able to enrol for tertiary education, nor are they likely to get jobs.

"One of the greatest tasks for society is to equip young adults with the attitudes, values, knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders of the future", said Piet de Clerk, MD of Eco Academy.

"Environmental education is vitally important for this. Yet, there has been a major absence from curriculum theory, policy and practice of approaches that stress environmental perspectives".

"We believe that through environmental education we can create positive change for better futures, whilst offering successful students an opportunity to invest in the training of anti-poaching teams", continued Piet.

Eco Academy sets a high bar for its eco and wildlife conservation programs, and high expectations for its participants. The programs demand a great deal from both the lecturer who create and deliver the courses aligned with curriculum, and customised when required, and the students who participate.

Once enrolled, students are immersed in education and training that will challenge their assumptions, disrupt their ordinary ways of living, and introduce them to new and unexpected ways of thinking. By participating, they will prepare for the next steps in their careers and lives demonstrating leadership at the Academy, in their classes and among their peers. Most important, they will return to their own communities with fresh ideas, new skills, and a greater capacity for addressing challenges faced.

The professional integrated training expose all students to non-traditional coursework and develop essential professional skills to produce graduates to bridge the science-management gap and promote the sustainable conservation of natural resources.

The academy is located on the game farm XINZELE, Klaserie (close to Hoedspruit), Limpopo province, South Africa in close proximity of the Kruger National Park.

At most education institutions, the campus is merely a backdrop to the program. The Eco Academy campus is an integral and deeply rewarding part of the Eco Academy experience - the Eco Academy campus offers students a unique and vast 'classroom'.



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The Academy's One-Year Nature Guiding (Field Guide) course and GAP year courses have been developed to offer local and international students the opportunity to learn more about the environment and to prepare themselves for a possible future in guiding or conservation. Eco Academy equips participants with life skills to empower them to contribute towards a better global environment.

All educational and training programs adhere to prescribed curricula and are approved by educational authorities in South Africa.

JC Strauss, Director of Operations and Training commented: "The illegal trafficking of wildlife now ranks as the 3rd largest criminal industry in the world. The current situation, fed by greed and destruction, is far greater than the resources deployed to fight it. Education plays a significant role in deterring and combating the destructive nature that poaching and poachers are having on the world's most sacred wildlife and environments"

In 2005 – 2007, JC trained and developed 350 Wildlife Rangers for Limpopo Parks Board in South Africa and headed the Anti-Poaching teams covering 53 Protected Areas that brought down rhino and elephant poaching to 0% for 3 consecutive years.

In 2000 JC launched Eco Ranger, training Wildlife Rangers, Dangerous Game Guides for various Wildlife Parks and organizations such as the South African Wildlife College and Game Rangers Associations. The first 34 Women Wildlife Rangers for African Countries (Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa) were trained by JC's organization Eco Ranger. Eco Ranger has thus far trained more than a 1,000 Rangers and Wildlife Guides that created job opportunities that support and sustain more than 10,000 African people currently.

"Our '***Investing in Conservation through Education***' incentive offers all successful Eco Academy students an opportunity to enjoy an immediate investment as an environmental leader", JC stated.

We warmly invite your interest and participation.

Groete/Regards,
Piet de Clerk

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SO THEN, WHAT IS OVERLANDING?

- **What is an Africa Overland Trip?**

Overlanding is not just seeing for yourself the mountain gorilla, lion or elephant. It is not just the case of saying that you have photographed the Masai of Kenya or the Himba Tribe of Namibia. This is not just to say that you have climbed to Uhuru Peak on Mt Kilimanjaro or crossed the oldest desert in the world, the Namib. Overlanding is all of this and more, it is about feeling the rhythm of the people, the places and the wildlife. It is not a guided tour, but an experience.

The duration of an Overland trip can be from 7 days to 6 months - taking in any number of countries along the way.

- **Who travels on an Overland Trip?**

The passengers come from all over the world and from all walks of life - the age range of the majority of passengers is from early 20's and 30's. Although most companies do not operate an age restriction, you need to be in good health, reasonably fit, adventurous and of open-minded spirit and attitude. Overland trips are generally not suitable for children and most companies do not take children on their trips. It is a perfect way to meet new people and make life long friends.

- **What Type of vehicles are used?**

Most companies have custom built robust vehicles specially designed for travel through more remote areas. The type of vehicle used and lay out varies from company to company and itinerary to itinerary. The larger vehicles are usually not air-conditioned.

Most vehicles provide a locker for your backpack, accessible from inside the truck; a communal safe for your valuables; and a medical kit for emergency use. Interior lighting and Exterior lighting.

- **What type of Accommodation is included?**

The majority of the time you will be camping, established campsites are used most of the time, facilities can range from basic to luxury with good amenities. Sometimes free camping in a bush camp is carried out when there is no permanent campsite nearby. A bush camp is something special to remember as you are truly out in the bush. Most companies provide 2 or 3 man tents with flysheets and mosquito netting, but you will need to take your own sleeping bag.

- **What meals are provided?**

It varies, some companies provide breakfast, lunch and dinner whilst others may provide only breakfast and dinner. Some companies will provide a cook with the passengers taking turns to help out. Whilst others the passengers organise all the cooking and shopping between themselves usually on a rota system. Bulk food stuffs are purchased prior to departure and topped up along the way, fresh foods are purchased from many markets and road stalls along the way.

- **How many people in a group?**

Group sizes vary from company to company and depend on the route taken and type of vehicle used. Numbers can range from 7 to 22 on the larger long haul trips.





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- **What is included in the price?**

Generally included in the price is the transport in a fully equipped expedition vehicle, road taxes and tolls, ferries, services of the driver-leader, use of camping and cooking equipment, campsite fees, entrance to gameparks as specified and meals as specified.

- **What's not included in the Price ?**

The prices generally do not include flights, visas, personal insurance, side trips, meals out, items of a personal nature. Some companies are able to advise and provide help with booking your flights.

- **What's the "Kitty" payment ?**

On most of the trips you will see a Kitty (Local) payment in addition to the price. This usually has to be paid upon arrival in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling. The payment is normally for fresh foods along the way - you should check with your operator what exactly is included in the price and what the kitty is for.

Is it safe?

Travelling overland on an organised tour is considered to be the safest way of seeing the African continent. Africa is unpredictable and things change daily - the overland companies are regularly updated on political situations and run their trips in accordance with the guidelines suggested by the relevant authorities of the countries visited. In the event of a political upheaval or other event that could compromise safety of passengers - planned routes would be changed.

More info from news@africaguide.com

6-WEEK-OLD LONE JUMBO CALF DIES IN ZIM

Angus Shaw

Harare - Conservationists in Zimbabwe said around-the-clock efforts to save a baby elephant, separated from his mother on a busy highway, have failed. The six-week-old calf who has been hand fed for three weeks has died, apparently from pneumonia.

Conservation expert Gordon Putterill said that elephants are notoriously difficult to hand rear, unlike other wild animals. The baby calf was named Kunda, or Triumph in the local Shona language, for his determination to survive after he was found alone on the highway, he said. He died on Wednesday.

Kunda's mother may have been injured by a truck after the herd fled from a busy trucking highway in north-western Zimbabwe, uncharacteristically leaving him behind, trackers said. The herd's tracks led deep into the thick bush several kilometres away from where the baby calf was found.

With shoulders that measured just 80cm across, Putterill said Kunda touched the hearts of all those who tried to save him. Kunda gained more than 20kg while in human care to reach about 100kg in weight, Putterill said. But then he got diarrhoea despite receiving specialised soy milk, palm and coconut oil derivatives and nutrients prescribed by top veterinarians in eastern and southern Africa.

The veterinarians, however, had warned that it was rare for young elephants to survive without a





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mother. "The poor little guy looked so frail," said Putterill, a veteran game ranger based at the Mwanga Lodge conservancy about 40km northeast of Harare.

Orphaned and vulnerable wildlife

The stomach condition sapped Kunda's strength but he recovered. Soon after, though, his temperature soared and he began breathing noisily as pneumonia set in. Kunda was fed and given medication intravenously but his "vital signs" deteriorated and he died peacefully in his sleep, Putterill said.

Kunda had very little control of his small trunk but, like human babies, "sampled new things with his mouth", Putterill said. "Had his mother been feeding him, he would have been boosted by her antibodies," he said.

Kunda snored at night, played in water, squealed when he was frustrated, didn't want to be alone in his new environment and liked people around him. The calf had a character of his own that deeply affected his human helpers.

"Kunda became an ambassador for elephant conservation. One must not give up on trying to help orphaned and vulnerable wildlife despite the heartbreaks," he said.

- SAPA

THE ECONOMICS OF RHINO HORNS

A new proposal to conserve the rhino is doing the rounds. According to **a report in a local paper** (Namibia), the aim of the scheme is to place ownership of rhinos in private hands, dehorn rhinos when horns become long enough and sell the horns for various developmental purposes, including conservation.

Economics is a dangerous game that more often than not has unintended ripples. Rhino dehorning is the most effective way to put a stop to poaching, but selling the horns is a different matter.

The supply side of the equation states that profit from sales of existing stockpiles of rhino horn and new horns would be used for conservation.

The demand side is more difficult. As the report states, rhino horn is **more valuable than gold**. What this means is that demand far exceeds the supply. If more rhino horn is released onto the market, the price is likely to stay high as a profitable price has been established in illicit trade.

Rhino horn is in short supply on illicit markets, and it is unlikely that the amount of horn released under this scheme will be enough to satisfy the demand in the long term. Sale of a large amount of horn could also lead to stockpiling against future demand. In other words, the demand for the horn might not be alleviated, and the price could be kept artificially high

If the price does decrease due to increased availability, demand could likely increase as the horn becomes accessible to users buying at a lower cost. If there is a sudden glut of all available rhino horns, there is also the possibility that all rhino horn will be used, forcing the price even higher in the medium term, and creating an even greater threat of poaching to animals who have not yet developed fully matured horns. In other words, the effect of dehorning will be reduced.

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Whichever way these scenarios play out, there is a very real likelihood that there will still be a massive demand for rhino horn, that might not be satisfied by legal sources. And although a local problem may be solved, there is no guarantee that poaching will stop in rhino populations in neighbouring countries.

Some reference is made to the war on drugs. The logic of this comparison is flawed. Drugs are far easier to produce than rhinos.

If it ain't broke don't fix it

Namibia has the only viable free-ranging population of rhinos. These rhinos are protected by zealous communities who benefit from them through levies and the employment that they create, in the form of guardians and tourism opportunities. The system is working, and there appears to be no need to change it.

The Rhino Custodian programme already places rhinos on private land, where they can be protected, and a benefit to Namibian tourism, however without the right to hunt rhinos at will. Dehorning rhinos works. The economics of satisfying demand needs to be considered carefully to identify the unintended consequences.

How you can help

- Tour Brief supports the activities of **Save the Rhino Trust**, which works closely with communities who benefit from rhino conservation and tourism. You can support them by putting rhinos on your itinerary.
- Namibian lodges and tour operators can download and display the '55555' poster to create awareness of how to support suspect activities. Download it **here...**

(Tour Brief – Namibia)

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QUICK REMINDER RE 4x4 OVERLAND GUIDE COURSE

This is just a quick reminder about the following dates for our Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Course. Here is a list of the next planned dates:

14 (19:00) to 18 March 2012

Camp Africa (LTT)

21 (19:00) to 25 March 2012

TBA (Cape area somewhere - will be confirmed if we get enough bookings)

The deadline for **Masazane Expeditions** to see if we have enough confirmed people is **NOW**.

A 50% deposit confirms your booking... A name on a list is not a confirmation. Please contact Jacqui van Graan if you require more detailed information via e-mail: info@masazane.co.za

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THE GREEN THING FOR THINKING PEOPLE

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologised and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days." The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right - our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day. We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day. Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Gauteng. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

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We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got blunt. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2 000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint. But isn't it sad that the current generation laments about how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Food for thought, don't you think?

AMAROK SLIPS INTO EXTREME SPORT GEAR

By IOL Motoring staff

In an attempt to illustrate the diverse applications of a bakkie like the Amarok, VW has created a concept vehicle for the Geneva Motor Show. The Amarok Canyon concept has been specially configured for the popular extreme sport of 'freestyle kayaking'.

All aspects of the vehicle have been designed to meet the requirements of this extreme sport - from the bakkie's running gear to details of the cargo box. The Canyon is significantly taller and wider than the production Amarok, and its colour is also more exotic.

Its body, which shimmers in the three-layer effects of its bright 'Baladi Orange' paint, is a full 85 mm taller than the production model. The freestyle bakkie also has auxiliary headlights mounted on its roof, and additional visual accents are provided by the smoked rear lights and the colour-contrasting underbody protection.

Two electrically deployed tread plates make it easy for all occupants to step into and out of the vehicle, despite the raised ride height. The two carbon fibre kayaks are securely mounted to the cargo floor: at the rear, the floor is designed with two formed cut-outs with soft padding, while the kayak bows are mounted on a styling bar in 'High Gloss Adamantium Dark' with straps for firmly securing the boats. The paddles are firmly latched in place on the inside surface of the easy-to-operate tailgate, ready to grab.

All other gear - white-water helmets, flotation devices and rafting shoes - are also stowed securely: the helmets in nets on the front wall of the cargo bed, and the rest of the gear in smaller boxes that can be locked with watertight lids. Inside, a special colour scheme was used with many details and new accents.

This concept also receives a more powerful version of the familiar 2.0 TDI bi-turbodiesel, this one putting out 132kW and 400Nm.

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MORE COURSE REMINDERS – SNAKES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next course dates are 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, and 24 November 2012.

I present snake courses for the general public, outdoors people, field guides, farmers, snake keepers, doctors, vets, mining companies, developers, etc. In short, anybody that may come in contact with snakes or snakebite will benefit from these courses. These courses were researched and compiled after a number of people had approached me for information on snakebite and the handling of snakes. I have been catching snakes since 1965 and **work professionally** with venomous snakes as I extract venom for antivenom production & keep about 500 snakes for this purpose.

My courses are **FGASA** (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) approved as specialist courses. Those that pass will receive a certificate with the FGASA emblem on it. The Snake ID and Snakebite Treatment course is also registered with the **WITS CPD Office** and medical doctors that pass the test can claim 5 CPD points (Continued Professional Development).

The **Snake ID & Snakebite Treatment** course starts at 08h00 - 12h30. It covers the identification of the dangerous snake, the symptoms of snakebite, the first aid treatment, medical treatment and allergy recognition and treatment. There are 2 tea breaks and lunch is from 12h30 - 13h00, and from 13h00 - 14h00 everybody will be writing their test. Cost for this course is R999.00 VAT inclusive per person.

After this it is the **Venomous Snake Handling** course which starts at 14h00 with a lecture and concludes at 17h00. Testing is practical handling of puff adder, Mozambique spitting cobra, ringkals & savannah cobra under my supervision, and verbal questions and answers as we do handling. Cost for this course is R616.00 VAT inclusive per person. I also offer an additional **Black mamba handling** course for those people that may **have a need** to handle black mambas at Lodges in the Bushveld. This is done at an additional cost of R450.00 VAT inclusive per person, and runs from 17h15 to 18h30.

I can also offer courses for interested groups or companies, and then the courses can be run during office hours at your premises & provided the group size is 15 people or more. Permits to transport snakes may have to be arranged beforehand. Keep this in mind. Past customers include Sasol, Anglo American, Anglo Coal, Anglo Gold Ashanti, BHP Billiton, Murray & Roberts, Johannesburg Water, Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market, Johannesburg Zoo and Eskom to name just a few.

Venue – This is the GPS coordinates: S 25° 56.726 minutes; E 28° 01.181 minutes.

African Reptiles and Venom is situated 8 km north from Fourways on the William Nicol extension, which becomes the R511. From the N1 (cement highway) take the William Nicol off ramp, and turn north away from Johannesburg. Pass Monte Casino on your right, pass the Fourways Mall on your left and go pass Indaba hotel on your left, cross 2 rivers the Jukskei river and the Diepsloot River. 900 meters after the second bridge, you will see a sign African Reptiles and Venom on your right hand. Turn in and park under the trees. The lectures are held in the lapa at the pool.



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Snake Handling Equipment

I supply the 90 cm standard Pillstrom tong. Price inclusive of Vat is R1575.00. Also available are a 110 cm snake hook @ R450.00, and 140 cm snake hook @ R570.00 Vat inclusive. Snake holding tubes are R342.00 inclusive & Snakebite resistant gloves are R3995.70 a pair inclusive. For courier delivery in SA add R342.

To secure your place for a course on a particular date please contact me to enquire if there is place and then make the payment into the account.

AFRICAN REPTILES AND VENOM

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COP 17 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Now that all the hype around the COP17 meeting in Durban has died down, it is time to look at what actually came out of it. So that we understand the importance of COP and the 17th meeting in Durban it is necessary to review the history of this United Nations initiative.

COP 17 was the seventeenth meeting of the congress of the parties (COP) since the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1995. The parties meet annually to assess progress in dealing with climate change and adopts decisions and resolutions on the implementation of its provisions. Successive decisions taken by the COP make up a detailed set of rules for practical and effective implementation of the UNFCCC.

This annual meeting is referred to as the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The Earth's biological resources, including terrestrial and marine, are vital to humanity's economic and social development. As a result, there is a growing recognition that biological diversity is a global asset of tremendous value to present and future generations. At the same time, the threat to species and ecosystems has never been as great as it is today. Species extinction caused by human activities continues at an alarming rate.

Climate change is a fact, whether you believe it is a natural process or man driven, with humanity's utilization of the Earth's natural resources.

COP17 was entitled Framework Convention on Climate Change and it marked a critical moment in the ongoing international climate change negotiations. Despite this, a deal on the limiting of emissions was finally struck in the early hours of the final day.

The Convention Of Parties (COP) is an annual event and each set of agreements can be seen as building blocks in a voluntary convention that seeks to save the planet and its biodiversity from the facundity, greed and self interest of the human species.

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John Broder of the New York Times had this to say. "For 17 years, officials from nearly 200 countries have gathered under the auspices of the United Nations to try to deal with one of the most vexing questions of our era - how to slow the heating of the planet.

Every year they leave a trail of disillusion and discontent, particularly among the poorest nations and those most vulnerable to rising seas and spreading deserts. Every year they fail to significantly advance their own stated goal of keeping the average global temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

There is no denying the dedication and stamina of the environment ministers and climate diplomats who conduct these talks. But maybe the task is too tall. The issues on the table are far broader than atmospheric carbon levels or forestry practices or how to devise a fund to compensate those most affected by global warming.

What really is at play here are politics on the broadest scale, the relations among Europe, the United States, Canada, Japan and three rapidly rising economic powers, China, India and Brazil. Those international relations, in turn, are driven by each country's domestic politics and the strains the global financial crisis has put on all of them. And the question of 'climate equity', the obligations of rich nations to help poor countries cope with a problem they had no part in creating, is more than an 'environmental' issue.

Effectively addressing climate change will require over the coming decades a fundamental remaking of energy production, transportation and agriculture around the world - the sinews of modern life. It is simply too big a job for the men and women who have gathered for these talks under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 1992 treaty that began this grinding process."

"There is a fundamental disconnect in having environment ministers negotiating geopolitics and macro-economics," said one energy and climate change analyst.

Dr John Ledger in the Environment magazine editorial added 'While celebrities and activists arrived in droves, few world leaders showed up this year. From 100 heads of state in Copenhagen, to 20 in Cancun, to 12 in Durban, the COP balloon seems to be leaking. The agenda has narrowed and expectations have shrunk, yet the ship sails grimly on'.

We all need to take responsibility!
(KZN Wildlife Rhino Club newsletter)

WINDPOMPFEES 4X4 2012

Ons wil graag u herinner van die Windpompfees 4x4 wat 27-28 April 2012 te Naboomspruit plaasvind. Aangeheg is ons aansoekvorm en ook 'n elektroniese flyer wat u kan aanstuur vir u vriende. Stuur asb so spoedig moontlik u aansoekvorm vir ons terug sodat aan u 'n deelnemer nommer kan toestaan.

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FARNSFIELD LODGE : NYANGA - ZIMBABWE

We have spent the last month refurbishing and painting Farnsfield Lodge in Nyanga and it is looking very good. While the refurbishing has been going on we have both spent a bit of time exploring the area and this is what we found. The road to Nyanga is very good we did not come across a single pot hole and the distance to Farnsfield is 265 Kms

Montclair Hotel has been completely renovated and the Casino looks very inviting for the gamblers.

Claremont Golf Club - We met Francis, the Club Manager and he was very enthusiastic. The Club house has been completely repainted and was looking good. Whilst we were there a tractor arrived and started cutting the fairways. The greens are kept up to scratch all the time.

Trout Beck Hotel and Golf course - We are told it is in fair condition.

The service stations are being refurbished in Juliasdale but there is no fuel there yet.

Pine Tree Inn - A new Manager has started there and he is very enthusiastic. You can have meals there plus there is a Friday night Pub evening once a month. The Manager's name is Guy Kerry. All the meals are reasonably priced.

Fishing - I am sure the Trout fishing is good as very few fishermen have ventured to the Eastern Highlands over the last few years.

Then of course the main reason for going to Nyanga is to relax amongst the mountains. You can drive, walk and sleep depending on what you want to do.

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CELLPHONE SIM BANKING FRAUD – BEWARE

Be warned. Fraudsters are using cellphone SIM swops to access bank accounts in a new scam. Vodacom investigator Francois Groenewald said the fraudsters would send an SMS from a number similar to that from which customers received banking notifications.

“The SMS will indicate a problem on your account and a person pretending to be a bank consultant will contact you,” he said. “When the consultant contacts you, they will start by confirming the details regarding your account number and then ask you what kind of phone you are using.”

The fraudsters would then contact your cellphone service provider and perform a SIM swop. “They will then be able to receive one-time PINs and/or random verification numbers from your bank and have access to your bank accounts,” said Groenewald.

By the time you realised your cellphone number was not working, your money would be out of your account. Also, criminals were capitalising on the SIM-swop scam by sending e-mails, purportedly from the addressee’s bank, that required internet banking customers to click on a link to verify details or risk their accounts being deactivated.

One of the e-mails states: “Due to the growing reports of ongoing sim-swop scam (sic) whereby your phone number is swopped to get access to your account, FNB has initiated an online security upgrade procession which you will need to complete by clicking on the link below this message to complete the process.

“Failure to do this will lead to the suspension and possible deactivation of your account until we can verify you as the genuine account owner.”

SA Banking Risk Information Centre spokesman Bongani Diako urged bank customers to be vigilant and to respond immediately to unusual events like discontinued cellphone connectivity. Richard Boorman, a spokesman for Vodacom, said customers should contact the Vodacom call centre (082 111) immediately if they received an SMS notifying them of a SIM swop they had not requested.

He said Vodacom investigated each reported case and referred it to the police. “We are launching a tab on our Facebook page where our customers can report to us.” FNB has confirmed that the security update e-mail is fraudulent.

Lee-Anne van Zyl, CEO of FNB online banking, said people should “never” try to access their online banking through a link, and should “never” respond to a request that they update or reconfirm their banking details because such requests were phishing.

Phishing is when criminals, aiming to steal identities, send e-mails claiming to be from a recognised organisation, to get online banking customers to reveal sensitive information. Clicking on a link directs the targets to a fake website where they will be asked to enter sensitive information such as passwords, credit card details or bank account numbers. Once these details are given, they are e-mailed to the fraudsters, and the customer is redirected to the legitimate website.



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"We notify all our clients to report all phishing e-mails and scams to a mailbox which is monitored daily," Van Zyl said. Asked whether people who fell prey to such scams were reimbursed, she said such claims were investigated case by case.

Report phishing scams to FNB at 087 575 0011.

Emergency call

Should you receive an SMS notifying you of a SIM swop you did not request, or suspect any other incidence of fraud committed via your cellphone network, use one of the following numbers.

For Cell C users: dial 140 or 084 140.

For MTN users: dial 083 123 7867.

For Telkom/8ta users: dial 080 012 4000.

For Vodacom users: 082 111

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The team

Our tour guides are highly skilled with extensive experience in tour guiding, 4x4 driving, biological interpretation and a vast knowledge of the history and culture of all the areas we visit.

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March 2011

From the Tracks – Reader Feedback

UNIT STANDARD DRIVER TRAINING COURSE – FEEDBACK FROM LEARNERS

Hi Alan

Thank you very much for your effort with the DCC training and making it convenient for us to receive this training. One quickly notices the real passion to impart as much knowledge as possible.

Thanks for sorting out all the logistics with Grant and Charmaine's contribution as well. Very professional even with branding on the still water!

Ian Goss-Ross

Chief Executive Officer
Elingo (Pty) Ltd

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Goeie more,

Ek wil net vir jou (en Grant) baie dankie se vir verlede Woensdag en gister se DCC Training. Dit was baie professioneel gedoen en ek het nog 'n paar nuwe "tricks" ook geleer soos om te onthou om remme in te span wanneer jy nie 'n "difflock" het nie , soos ek gister moes doen !

Ek glo ons almal wat daar was het die dag terdee geniet en waardeer die feit dat julle, julle spaar tyd opoffer om hierdie belangrike taak vir die 4x4 familie te verrig.

Ek dink net ons moet hard probeer om al die tannies wat linksvoor sit by die opleiding te kry.

Groete
Anne-Marie Ungerer

Hi, wil ook net baie dankie se vir die opleiding, dit is uitstekend gewees! Jy kan met reg trots wees op die standaard wat jul handhaaf!
Elmarie Swanepoel

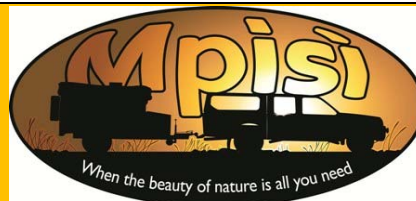
NEWSLETTER READER:

Hi Alan,

Just to say many thanks for publishing our latest Sunpath Sojourns newsletter in your Jan EZine. We look forward to another season in Mana and Kariba and hope you or some of your readers will be able to join us this year.

Best wishes,
Craig Chittenden

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TOURS/TRIPS IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF RSA

These tours/trips explore the Soutpansberg and **Komatiland Forestry** areas and are run regularly, as and when booked by a group... so please do not hesitate to *contact Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za* as soon as possible so that we can set out an itinerary especially for you and your family/friends. The tour may include some travelling in the Mpumalanga Province, e.g. the southern parts of the Kruger National Park.

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One (1) day tours are usually run from our base, **Camp Africa**, in Louis Trichardt. All the evenings on an extended tour, e.g. a long weekend, may be spent at **Camp Africa**; or at other accommodation en route; or a combination, depending on the chosen itinerary. Places of interest that are visited (itinerary dependant) include: Bergpan Salt pans; Thathe Vondo Sacred Forest; Lake Fundudzi; Tshatsingo Potholes; Dzata Ruins; the Big Tree (Baobab); Tshirovha Waterfall; ... and so much more...

Planned dates:

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Our ninth Trans-Africa Expedition starts at **Camp Africa** (Louis Trichardt, RSA). The general route for this intrepid expedition is RSA; Botswana; Namibia; Angola; DRC; Congo; Gabon; Cameroon; Nigeria; Niger; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco (including the region called Western Sahara); and ends in Spain at Algeciras. Cross the biggest river in Africa; see the rain forests; stopover in Timbuktu; cross the Sahara Desert; enjoy the music and vibe of African cities; and much, much more...

Departure Date: 04 June 2012 (tbc)

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This is a linking route between the Trans-Africa Northbound and Southbound Expeditions for those expeditionists that wish to join us on the entire once-in-a-lifetime circular route. Drive through Spain; France, Italy; Greece; Turkey; Syria; and Jordan into Egypt. Visit Monte Carlo; Pisa; Rome; Pompeii; Acropolis; Olympus; Meteora; Blue Mosque; Topkapi Palace; Basilika Cistern; Cappadocia; *Crac des Chevaliers*; the Dead Sea; Petra; Wadi Rum; and so much more...

'Departure' Date: when Leg I ends

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Our tenth Trans-Africa Expedition follows directly on from the linking route through Europe and the Middle East and starts from Cairo (Egypt). Let the secrets of Egypt and its pharaohs overwhelm you; experience the Sahara Desert and live to tell the tale (again); survive the heat and desolation through Egypt and Sudan while driving along the mysterious Nile River; experience the striking White Desert; feel the history embedded in the rock churches at Lalibela; experience millions of flamingos; visit the source of the White Nile; meet people from various cultures; and so much more...

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'Departure' Date: when Leg II ends

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PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT ALL DATES AND ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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The Trading Post – Swop, Sell or Buy (Rent too...)

Nothing for February

The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports & Feedback...

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Man, happy with the 2011 Annual Awards Function last night! WELL DONE to all the winners across all the categories. We are proud of you and your association with this wonderful club of ours. Thanks for the ongoing support and time and effort spent in enjoying the trips and outings. We love it! So to highlight for the rest of you (and some of the award winners!), here were the results:

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***Alan Goodway (4th year)
Nigel Wilshire***

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Goodway Family
Van der Reis Family
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Goss-Ross Family

ABOVE 40% ATTENDANCE – CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Waller Family
Black Family
Keenan Family
van der Merwe (Kim) Family
Wilshire Family
Jarvis Family
Glanvill Family
Goodway Family
Verster Family

BIG 5 AWARD

Van Coller Family

INTER CLUB POTJIE COMPETITION TROPHY

Bloemfontein Eko 4x4 Klub

DRIVING TEAM OF THE YEAR (BRIDGESTONE 4x4 FUNDI CHALLENGE)

Keenan Family

BRIDGESTONE 4x4 OAC CLUB GUIDE OF THE YEAR

Johann Ungerer

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CROSS COUNTRY INSURANCE MEMBER FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Keenan Family

Absolutely a fantastic evening. Well done to all.
Alan Goodway

FEEDBACK:

Thanks for the super evening, good to socialize with great people,
Wilshire Family

Hi Alan,

I am still trying to recover from Saturday evening's shock ! Wow, what a surprise to be honoured in such a way. Well, I can assure you that Anne-Marié and I are really privileged to be members of a club such as this.

Thank you again to both you and Charmaine for your dedication, hard work and the example that you set.

P.S. the food was excellent as always, and this was confirmed by a renowned critic, my son Fanie . . .

Regards

Johann Ungerer

Hi Alan, Charmaine en kinders

Namens die Lessing gesin will ons net vir julle baie dankie se vir n great aand, vir al die moeite wat julle elke keer doen, en vir ons 5 year membership award.

Dit is vir ons great om deel te wees van die klub. Ons hoop om nog lank deel te wees van die "familie" met onvergeetlike trips.

Sterkte vir julle vir die res van die jaar met al sy uitdagings.

Groete,

Die Lessings

Wow Alan, we are honoured and proud to be the recipients of the Griesel Nel Incorporated Support Family of the Year. We are so pleased to be able to support you and the other members. We love what we do and love doing it with you and the friends we continue to make in the club.

Please pass this on to Griesel Nel Incorporated with our thanks for sponsoring this award.

Yours in Support

The Jarvis Family

KORO KORO OPENING WEEKEND

Evening Alan

Thanks for a great kick-off weekend. The grandchildren certainly enjoyed the outing.

Kind regards





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The Glanvill family

Thanks for another absolutely awesome weekend! Such a lekker chill with so many good friends. When have you ever been so privileged to have so many people share their desserts with you? Eish! You must have been ill after all of that! :):)

Regards

The Keenan Family

Hello Alan

We had a great weekend. It was great meeting more of the club members; everyone was very friendly and welcoming. The atmosphere in the camp was great. Tinis had a great time and made lots of friends, he slept all the way home. We enjoyed the big communal braai and the pudding competition was a lot of fun. All in all it was a very relaxing weekend just what we needed, when we got home it felt like we had been away for a few days not just one night

Kind Regards

Thomas, Anja and Tinis Wakeford

SERENDIPITY 4x4 DAY

Hi Alan

I just want to thank every body especially yourself for the assistance with the "Gear" issue I encountered with my vehicle. It is great that a person can rely on the support within the team. Once again a great day with the club at Serendipity.

Rose and Gary Human

DE WILDT 4x4 TRIP

What an awesome trip it was today!

Heading out into the reserve nice and early gave us the opportunity to see a whole lot of animals enjoying the nice cool weater. Giraffe, Blesbok, Wildebees, Zebra and Kudu were plentiful. Nice to appreciate animals so close to home!

The grading for the drive today was a healthy 3. Axel twisters, steep sand and rocky inclines, axel twister declines, water and mud were all part for the cause.

So often we talk about the behaviour and abilities of our club members. Today was definitely no exception. Of the 9 vehicles, no less than 6 drivers are DCC certified. The skills shown on the various obstacles and discipline demonstrated is always something that we proud ourselves of. Compliments go out to all those concerned. On a few occasions, other groups of vehicles at De Wildt stopped to watch how our club members assessed, planned and conquered some of the more challenging obstacles. All a sign of what we have been able to accomplish in our dirver training program.

The end to a fantastic day came at the boma after the drive. Our boma was a welcome stop. The braais were soon on the go and the general chat was all about a day well spent with friends.

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A day well spent by all, and yes, another fantastic club trip proudly provided for club members and friends by Alan.

Thanks to the guide team, Grant and Nigel!

Hi Alan,

Just dropping you a line of thanks for a nice, enjoyable trip on Sunday at De Wildt (for us now about the 4th time), but even more for the great guide we had in Grant and Karine. He's definitely an asset to the club.

Thanks, and blessings!

Johan Malherbe

MPUMALANGA MEANDER TRIP

Alan and Johan,

Thanks for a wonderful trip through Verloren Vallei. I agree that a trip earlier in the wet season when the plants are coming into flower is a must. Also if we can get a guide who knows where the blue and wattled cranes are it would be a bonus.

As I mentioned at supper, for me the trip was a reconnaissance to see if I could find the fossil stromatolite beds in the Sudwala pass. These 2500 million (2.5 billion) year old fossils can easily be seen in the cutting right at the top of the pass. They are of the earliest life forms on the planet. I plan to show them to some Canadians that are coming out here later this year.

My trip into the KNP was also a memorable one as after 62 years of visiting, I finally saw a kill when a leopard caught a warthog piglet. The action took place at about a distance of 80 metres and was over before I even got the binocs to my eyes, so no photos.

Regards,

Patrick Dillon

REACH FOR A DREAM 4x4 DAY TEAM

The event raised R45 000 for REACH FOR A DREAM. Hosted and organized by the 4x4 Community Forum members.

Hi Alan,

It turned out to be a super day, the fun and comaradrie of the team was great. The guys that were organizing the day, were not fully versed in organizational and safety skills needed for a day like that. They learnt a lot. On the whole it was a fun day that saw them make a whole lot of cash for a very good cause.

With kind regards,

Nigel Wilshire





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Legally Speaking.....

DISPOSITIONS AFTER WINDING UP WHAT CAN A LIQUIDATOR CLAIM?

It often happens that a debtor makes a payment when it is financially distressed. The creditor is often not aware that the company or close corporation from whom it is receiving funds, is financially distressed, thus unable to pay its debts and that a liquidation application has been launched against the company or close corporation.

To consider the effect of a liquidation for such a creditor the following case study will illustrate the effect and risk:

1. *On 1 March a liquidation application against A (Pty) Ltd is issued, based on the fact that A (Pty) Ltd is unable to pay its debts.*
2. *On 1 April a person or legal entity (hereinafter referred to as B), is paid by A (Pty) Limited or Close Corporation.*
3. *On 1 May a liquidation order is granted by the Court*

The "previous" Companies Act, Act 61 of 1973 (as amended) and the "new" Companies Act, Act 71 of 2008 contain the following provisions relating to the aforesaid case study:

1. **Section 341:**
Every disposition of its property (including rights of action) by any company being wound-up and unable to pay its debts made after the commencement of the winding up, shall be void unless the Court otherwise orders.
2. **Section 348: Commencement of winding-up by Court:**
A winding-up of a company by the Court shall be deemed to commence at the time of the presentation to the Court of the application for the winding up.

As indicated in the case studies, the liquidation application is issued and therefore the date of liquidation is deemed to be 1 March in terms of section 348, even though the liquidation order is only granted on 1 May. In the case study, the payment is made to the creditor of the liquidated company on 1 April.

In terms of Section 341(2), the disposition of made to the creditor of A (Pty) Ltd after the commencement of the winding up, as referred to aforesaid, shall be void unless the Court otherwise orders. In terms of the aforesaid provisions of the "previous" Companies Act, which is also incorporated in the "new" Companies Act, Act 71 of 2008, the payment made by A (Pty) Ltd to B, is void and as such, the liquidator may bring an application, alternatively institute an action that the disposition / payment be "returned" to the insolvent estate.

In conclusion, due care should be taken to ascertain if a debtor has a pending liquidation application against it, when payment is received, or settlements are negotiated, as a creditor might find itself in a precarious situation whereby the payment will be considered to be void and will be reclaimed by the liquidator.

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Flat Wheel – Light Relief...

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Preferred Suppliers - Gauteng

If anyone has any good things to say about suppliers I would like to include them here. Lets support those who do a good job for the club. Similarly if anyone has had a bad experience lets share it and vote with our wallets by avoiding them.

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KJ BOLTON CONSULTANT cc

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A banner for Pioneer Plastics with a yellow background. The text 'PIONEER PLASTICS' is in large blue letters. Below it, 'Anything's Possible' is written in a blue script font. Underneath that, 'WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS' is in white capital letters, followed by the website 'www.pioneerplastics.co.za' and the phone number 'Tel: 012 541 6000'. The banner also features images of various custom plastic mouldings, including a red box, a blue box, and a green box, along with a person's hands working on a moulding.

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