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Trails & Tribulations...

Hi there enthusiasts,

Can you believe it that February is also now done and dusted. In the old, mad days of our youth, this was the month we stopped drinking, smoking and a few other things to concentrate on cleaning up the system. Why – it only had 28 days! Silly hey. Today we realise that we should rather live healthily and enjoy the great outdoors more, as it adds quality to life.

In the world of the cross border 4x4er, we still see confusion re the state of new measures being introduced in Botswana and Namibia. Nevertheless, we will still travel. The 4WD Guides Association has its AGM in Cape Town this month, and hopefully a strong team to tackle the required Unit Standard completion will now be elected from across the country, as it needs to get a move on. The first 3-4 training providers in the Driver Competency Certificate arena are now registered, available legally and addressing the needs of our people out there. Training can take place just about anywhere in the country now by at least 1 service provider, so from now on, do it properly and get with the new program. Confused by the market messages – indeed, as “elke Jan Rap en Sy Maat” is advocating this. Best it to check the TETA website I am afraid. Avoid wasting your money.

Well, for Valentines we took 23 families to a bush like caravan lodge in Bela Bela, and treated our ladies (albeit via the means of a competition amongst the men), to a lovely seafood starter and main meal under the Bushveld stars. You won't believe the outcome. These guys are superb. Three 4x4 trails were driven this month, and some First Aid training undertaken. We also sincerely enjoyed the Beeld Show and the start event of the Bridgestone SA Fundi 4x4 Challenge, where our club pulled off a 9th and 5th place respectively. Check the latest editions of the SA 4x4 to follow the competition results and write-ups.

This coming month sees the long weekends coming along and we will be travelling to the Free State for a Passes Tour, then to KZN to a new 4x4 venue called Dunblane and finally at month end, we tour the Shingwedzi 4x4 Route in Mozambique with a national operator. Of course the usual day trips will be done, and then of course the advertised GPS Course, by master of the Satellite Navigation industry, Kevin Bolton. Our first enthusiast meeting has been scheduled and the invites will come out soon, so watch for it. Already we have a set of Bridgestone 4x4 Tyres and GPS to give away in the raffle. So book when it comes. It is towards the end of March.

As times get tough, or people get their A into G, a lot of goods come up for sale. Check this section of the newsletter out, as it is propvol again, with absolute bargains.



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I look forward to seeing many of you out there again this year. Enjoy this jam packed edition!

Yours in 4x4ing.

Alan Goodway (GP 1796)
Editor (voluntary!)



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Calendar of Interesting Events

Herewith find events, as collected in the market place. By no means are any of these events necessarily linked to / supported by / associated with 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club, and they are being placed here as public service only. Errors and omissions reserved.

Date	Event	Venue
26 – 28 March 2010	Aim Shooter Show	War Museum next to Johannesburg Zoo, Saxonwold c/o Erlswold, Eastwold & Upper Park Drive, Saxonwold
30 April – 2 May 2010	Wild Expo	Tshwane Events Centre
28 – 30 May 2010	Outdoor Adventure and Travel Expo	Coca Cola Dome
10 – 12 September 2010	Getaway Show	Coca Cola Dome

Calendar of Training Events

Herewith find training opportunities with the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club, and its professional associates, offered to the public. Courses only run if sufficient numbers subscribe. Errors and omissions reserved.

Date	Event	Venue
13 – 14 March 2010	GPS & GPS Software Course	Centurion
24-28 March 2010 (Only course left in 2010!!!!)	Masazane 4x4 & Overland Guide Training Course	Louis Trichardt
17 April 2010	Map Orientation and Usage	Centurion
15 May 2010	Fire Fighting for Campers	Centurion
15 – 16 May 2010	GPS & GPS Software Course	Centurion
8 August 2010	Map Orientation and Usage	Centurion
28 – 29 August 2010	GPS & GPS Software Course	Centurion
20 November 2010	Map Orientation and Usage	Centurion
27 – 28 November 2010	GPS & GPS Software Course	Centurion

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"All Roads lead to Rome"... until one reaches Africa. **Roads to Roam** is an Adventure Travel Company that focuses on Adventure Holidays and Events in South Africa and neighbouring countries. Although many of our tours require 4x4 capabilities, we also do route planning and book accommodation venues for sedan vehicles.

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- Destinations include South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Lesotho and Swaziland as well as tours to Angola, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, Serengeti and other destinations in Africa

Upcoming Tours and Events:

19 – 21 March 2010:	Hike:	Pilanesberg Wilderness Area
2 – 5 April 2010:	Weekend Breakaway	Botsalano Game Reserve, Zeerust
22 – 27 April 2010:	Safari	Central Kalahari Game Reserve
23 – 26 April 2010:	Safari	Northern Tuli Block

For a complete list of our tours, send and email to info@roadstoroom.co.za, contact Lizette Swart on +27 83 22 631 22 or visit the website at www.roadstoroom.co.za.

Roads to Roam... Africa waits...

January 2010

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

ENTER FRONT RUNNERS' ROCKS, TEARS & GEARS 2010

This year's ROCK'S, TEARS AND GEARS competition is going to be challenging and hard but mostly fun. Together with testing your driving and recovery skills to the limit, we have got a whole host of activities planned out to keep you busy for the week, but only the best will walk away with the prizes and bragging rights for 2010.

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It is time to finalize the Contestant List for the 2010 FRONTRUNNER "ROCKS, TEARS & GEARS" event. It will be held in Lesotho and the itinerary proof to be quite interesting and challenging. The interest is overwhelming and as we can only take a limited number of vehicles with on this Adventure, entries will be handled on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** basis.

I just got off the phone with Peter from National Luna and he says that the second prize winner can choose either a 50 or 52Lt weekender fridge which should accommodate anyone who wins this prize.

Its now time for the final bookings and only the first 12 teams of 2 can join us, so if you think you have what it takes to put yourself and your metal against Lesotho , then give the guys at Explore Africa a call to secure your place in one of the toughest trips of the year.

A non-refundable deposit of **R 1 500.00 per person** is required in order to confirm a booking. The balance is due a minimum of 30 days prior to departure. The Bank details are as follows:

Bank: ABSA BANK Menlyn
Acc Name: Imbizo E-Cape Safaris
Acc No: 407 409 3447
Br Code: 335 645

Please complete the electronic Online Booking Form on the website www.explore-africa.co.za by going to RESERVATIONS on the top left corner on the HOMEPAGE. From there you click on ONLINE BOOKING FORM. Complete and SUBMIT.

The itinerary is also on this site!

Else call Wayne on wayne@frontrunner.co.za

IS THE NAMIBIAN TOUR GUIDING RULES FAR FETCHED?

A SURPRISE decision by a sub-committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs last week to stop all foreign tour guides and bus drivers entering Namibia, has been described as a "cataclysm" for Namibia's tourism industry.

About 42 overland truck and bus drivers and tour guides wanting to enter Namibia from South Africa on Wednesday and Thursday last week were turned away, according to reliable sources in the industry. This resulted in about 1 000 pre-booked tourists not being able to enter Namibia. The figure could be higher.

Tourism authorities and The Namibian were swamped with calls and e-mails from local and foreign tour operators in which they aired their concerns - the move "preposterous" and "tourism suicide". The "ban", which lasted for about three days - from Wednesday to Friday - was in the form of stopping and nullifying all temporary work permits for foreign guides and drivers.

The apparent reason for this unilateral decision by the committee, chaired by Director of Immigration Allison Hishekwa, was so that "Namibian guides should be used", and also to stop foreigners gaining temporary work permits under the guise of tour guides and drivers from entering Namibia and then staying in the country after the permits expired.



"We have just been informed that all South African guides applying for temporary working permits in Namibia will be denied outright and that, I quote, 'we should use Namibian guides'," Ellery Worth of Drifters, a major tour operator in South Africa that runs several overland tours into and through Namibia, stated in an e-mail.

He said "the consequences of this are massive", not only for his company, but also for the Namibian economy. "All the quad-biking, sky-diving and other tourism-orientated activities will be dramatically affected if our tours are refrained from Namibia on the basis that we can't have our guides operate in the country. This is not to mention bookings at all the national parks and local camps. The ramifications are huge," he said.

According to him, Namibia does not even have enough guides to allocate to foreign operators to use on tours. "If it doesn't change, operators such as ourselves will have to consider scratching Namibia off as a travel destination for guided overland safaris," he warned.

"On our side we are looking at boycotting Namibia at Indaba and the possibility of a reciprocal agreement with Namibian guides in South Africa," he stated. Jacqueline Asheeke, CEO of the Federation of Namibian Tourism Associations (Fenata), said the "glitch" caused much damage to Namibia's tourism sector - with ripple effects even to other SADC countries, and that, "with the electronic age", the situation has hit websites and is spiralling out of control.

She said the Trans-frontier Conservation Area Protocol and the SADC Protocol, of which Namibia is a signatory, encourage open borders for tourism exchange and that the decision was contrary to these agreements.

"For decisions like this, the right channels must be followed, like taking the proposal to the Permanent Secretary of Home Affairs first, and from there to the Minister and then to Cabinet and involving all the affected Ministries and other stakeholders," she said.

The Namibian has learned that the decision was immediately called off by those in the higher echelons on Friday and foreign drivers and guides were allowed to enter Namibia again on temporary work permits "until further notice".

According to Digu //Naobeb, CEO of the Namibia Tourism Board, a high-level meeting will be held soon to consider the consequences and the way forward regarding the decision.

Tour operators, locally and abroad, fear possibility of such a "surprise decision" being implemented again. The feeling is that the trustworthiness of Namibia's tourism industry has been compromised.

(It's a fine time to start exploring South Africa people! We have so much on offer. Ed)

GARMIN UPDATES

Dear Garmap User

Garmap is pleased to announce the availability of an **UPDATE** for the following five map products:

- Southern Africa Streetmaps 2009 – TMC
- Southern Africa Streetmaps 2009 – NON-NT



- Southern Africa Topo & Rec 2009 – TMC
- Southern Africa Topo & Rec 2009 – NON-NT
- Southern Africa Streetmaps 2009 – DEM / TMC

These maps were originally released on the 15th September 2009 and made available both online as well as on the Garmap Africa Series 2009 2nd Edition DVD. When loaded into a device, the new **Update** maps will display the applicable map name followed by the word **UPDATE**. This will help to clearly identify which map version is installed.

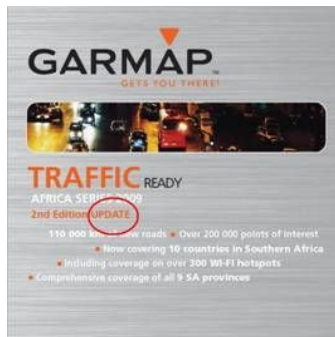
The **Update** maps contain software improvements as well as updated data. The **Update** maps will therefore deliver an improved navigation experience and users who currently have any of the above mentioned map sets installed in their devices, are strongly urged to do this upgrade.

The following are the eligibility parameters for the **Update** maps:

- All devices currently installed with any of the five map sets listed above:
 - Free upgrade to the equivalent map Update version
- All devices purchased on or after 1 July 2009:
 - Free upgrade to the equivalent map Update version
- Any of the above listed five map sets that were **purchased** on or after 1 July 2009
 - Free upgrade to the equivalent map Update version
- If a device or existing map set does not fall within the above parameters, a Map upgrade must be purchased.

Upgrading to the latest map version is facilitated via the new Garmap Africa Series 2009 – 2nd Edition **UPDATE** DVD or directly online at www.garmap.co.za

The 2nd Edition **UPDATE** DVD's have the word "update" added to the title on the front cover – see circled area on cover image shown below.



The actual DVD disk has also been labelled for easy identification (turnover page).

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The **Update** maps contain software improvements as well as updated data, such as:

- Various updates and amendments have been incorporated to reflect ongoing changes in the road network e.g. road closures & road name changes
- Enhancements to the display of certain map detail e.g. small roads, hiking trails and farm names
- Map display enhancements and consistent display of roads within Complexes
- Resolution of some routing issues e.g. international border crossings
- Enhanced street level search function in South African suburbs
- More consistent & improved routing in rural areas
- Ongoing updates to the POI data
- No significant changes have been made to the road coverage network in South Africa (this is almost at 100%)

We trust the above clarifies the situation however should you have any queries, please contact the Garmap Support Team on telephone number 0861-427-646 or 011-251-9999.

Thank you for your continued support.
Team Garmap



HOWLING MOON HELPS HIGHLIGHT PLIGHT OF STREET KIDS - SUPPORTS RAMBLINGRAT ON ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP

Howling Moon is supporting RamblingRat, an innovative round the world expedition raising awareness around the plight of children living in poverty. Tim Dennis, dubbed the RamblingRat, has travelled across Europe, Asia and North America in a Toyota Land Cruiser using Howling Moon camping gear, which has stood him in good stead through some 70 000 kilometres across the harshest terrains on Earth.

In July, South Africans Neil and Silvie Rautenbach, Rambling Rat colleagues, will set off from England across Africa in aid of disadvantaged children. They too will be relying on Howling Moon camping gear. As well as testing their own endurance and that of Howling Moon camping canvas, the aim of the ongoing expeditions is to raise awareness for the Street Kids International charity.

RamblingRat inspires people to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged youth in their own communities and around the world. On their travels through developed countries such as Japan, the RamblingRat Expeditions teach children the importance of food, water and shelter and highlight the fact that many children elsewhere do not have access to these basic needs. In undeveloped countries, they visit Street Kids International projects, raising awareness of the work the charity does to empower youth around the world to build better futures for themselves.

'This is a sustainable project,' Dennis says, 'not just some quick little trip around the world.' To emphasise that fact, Dennis points out that he sold his house and business to make his commitment to children possible.

'Street Kids International believes that every young person has potential, it's just the opportunities they are lacking. Working with Street Kids International has been a real eye opener for me because I can really see the impact their work has on young people's lives.'

Dennis has been pleased with the way his Howling Moon equipment has stood up to the rigours of so long and harsh an expedition.

'The quality is amazing. I'm from a farming and road-hauling background, I am perhaps tougher and more demanding than most. But to see the condition of Howling Moon's gear after 70 000 kilometres of terrain of unimaginably varied nature - from frozen to baking - it is quite remarkable.'

Dennis is now headed south through the Americas with Argentina as his destination. The Rautenbachs leave England for South Africa via Ethiopia, Africa's second-most populous country, in July. Four out of ten children under five years old are underweight; four out of ten children sleep on the floor, where night-time temperatures average 5 degrees Celsius.

Howling Moon is part of Jurgens Ci and makes the complete range of tents and canvas accessories for caravan enthusiasts as well as rooftop tents for MPV and 4x4 owners. The company's factory, which is in Pinetown, has achieved ISO accreditation. That means customers can be absolutely sure of the quality and value of Howling Moon products.

Howling Moon tents use a base that is a hi-tech vacuum-bonded composite. This type of construction is remarkably strong and surprisingly light, yet at the same time it offers excellent insulation from the cold ... a vital consideration around the world and in parts of South Africa too. The canvas is a woven ripstop material made from a blend of polyester and cotton. Polyester gives the fabric its strength and the cotton gives the material improved sewing properties. In particular, seams can be sewn so perfectly they are truly watertight.

Howling Moon products are sold internationally in more than 20 countries. For further information, visit www.howlingmoon.co.za.



MANY FAILED THE DAKAR – VW’s AMAROK DID NOT!!!!

A fleet of 35 Volkswagen Amarok bakkies have fulfilled their roles as support vehicles for the winning VW team and 2010 Dakar rally organisers, enduring extreme temperatures, altitudes and terrain with no problems at all. VW successfully defended the Dakar title with a 1-2-3 finish in the 2010 rally, one of the world's toughest endurance tests.

Alongside the successful Race Touaregs, the back-up teams travelling in the Amaroks completed all 14 legs of the race to reach the finish at Buenos Aires in Argentina; only about half the competitors made it.

VW management board member for development Dr Wolfgang Schreiber said: "The Amarok gave a clear demonstration of its abilities and robustness. It's simple - the Amarok is the VW of pick-ups." The Amarok will be released in South Africa in the third quarter of 2010.

The 35 Dakar Amaroks had no problems with the 9000km marathon from Buenos Aires across the continent to Chile's Pacific coast – including 50° heat in Argentina's Fiambala, more than 4700m of altitude over the San Francisco Pass across the Andes in Chile and the difficult terrain of the Atacama, the driest desert on the planet.

(Recently spotted one in 'camo' heading for Gerotek – led by 2 Audi's – go figure VW, what else could it be.....Will be here soon for us all to explore! Ed)

ZIMBABWE TOURIST TSUNAMI, ARE YOU READY?

When we started **Maplanga Africa** in 1995 it was during the "pioneer" days of outbound tourism into Africa, email was a not too distant concept, apartheid was dead and buried, South Africa had just been accepted into the "African family". Our *company*, if one could call it that at the time, was born sitting around a campfire on the banks of the Zambezi in Livingstone, Zambia. I had persuaded my wife (Natalie) to come with me on an African road trip/adventure which saw us travelling and enjoying the many wonders that Zimbabwe had to offer at the time. However, instead of staying at one of the many good offerings that Victoria Falls had, we opted to go across the bridge to a lodge outside Livingstone. It was during our stay at this wonderful rustic bush lodge that an idea was conceived to market lodges in the Victoria Falls region to the South African market and beyond, we literally fell in love with the sights and smells of the area, to us, **the** most special place on earth.

Looking back at old Getaway magazines during the late 90's, I see that we "hid" the Livingstone properties that we were marketing in the Zimbabwe section of the Destinations pages, why? Well in those good old days Zambia had little chance of competing against the well oiled Zimbabwean tourism machine. **90%** of South Africans wanted, no **demand**ed Victoria Falls, Zimside, not the undiscovered "Central African" Zambian side. During the apartheid years many South Africans believed Zambia was a no go area, in fact Zambia was an active base for the ANC and many South Africans feared Zambia because of this.

So when the phones rang and we put packages together we had to reveal to our clients that this particular lodge or rafting company that they were responding to was in fact based in Zambia, not Zimbabwe! Nine times out of ten we managed to convince the clients that Livingstone was a good option mainly due to the fact that most lodges were based on the river bank of the Zambezi, a



huge selling point. Still as we speak the Zim side of Vic Falls can only boast of one lodge situated actually on the Zambezi River (close to the Falls), the all time favourite A'Zambezi River Lodge.

In 2000, a certain president decided that he was going to muck around with the Zimbabwe we all knew and loved, the rest is history and I won't dwell on what has happened. But needless to say tourism to Zimbabwe dived to record low levels and this continued up until April last year. In fact, we even contemplated hiding the Zimbabwean lodges we marketed in the Zambian section of the Getaway mag!

Today we see a different scenario, tourism numbers are starting to climb, South Africans want to experience magical Zimbabwe once again. OK but what did they do during the big Zim tourism boycott? As a Southern Africa tour operator, we saw a swing to Botswana and Zambia but never the numbers and demand we once enjoyed for Zimbabwe. No, most of the SA tourist market stayed right here at home, some upped and went to Mozambique and this is evident by the number of dive schools that opened and flourished during this period. Every Tom, Dick and Fanie now has a dive qualification and always seems to be embarking on that next big dive adventure to the gentle coastline that Mozambique offers.

Sadly Zimbabwe's demise was in fact Mozambique's gain.

As we all know the wheel turns and I think I can speak for most of my male counterparts, there is nothing more boring than sitting on a beach and doing bugger all, after you have been on that great dive! The calls and emails are flooding in, instead of trying to hard sell Zimbabwe, we are seeing a demand from clients and corporates wishing to show support and experience all on offer again. Lying on the beach in Mozambique is over, they want to come back and do the circles and routes that are so easy to do, especially now that food and petrol are once again available and reasonably priced.

This is great for Zim but what about Zambia who has used the last 10 years time to develop and put onto the market many lodges and hotels in Livingstone, what will happen to this part of the Falls in the months to come? Well, we truly believe that the resurgence of Zimbabwe will be good for the *region* of Victoria Falls, in other words the region as a whole should grow now that "diver Fanie" is becoming "safari Stephan" again.

The time is right for the Vic Falls Region, not just one nation.

Huge amounts of "come back to Victoria Falls" marketing has been done, many positive and enticing articles have been written, the traveller is not stupid, they know about the current developments and have waited until the time was right to return.

Zambia now faces the some serious competition, in the Vic Falls Region. There is probably the highest concentration of hotels, lodges and activities **anywhere** in the Southern Hemisphere in the VFR and it's all right on our doorstep. In fact the two sides of Vic Falls will now have to compete in a different marketing environment compared to what there was 10 years ago. It's almost a Coke and Pepsi scenario and we all know the marketing battles that have been fought by these two massive global brands.



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But we must look at the threats and find solutions, many travellers and agents believe that Zambia has become user unfriendly, bureaucracy reigns supreme at the borders and high visa's fees are off-putting to say the least. Zimbabwe presents other problems, the main one being the big entrance point from South Africa, the notorious **Beit Bridge**.

There is an estimated 3 million Zimbabweans living in South Africa, most of them try to go home (to Bulawayo) during Easter and Christmas. This spells hell for the self drive tourist, delays up to 12hrs are reported at this border and Plumtree, who would want to start off a holiday this way?

The solution should be easy, create a freeflow border post similar to Mexico/USA, simplify the red tape and have one price and many pay points to keep it all flowing smoothly, a ten lane drive through border post should work well. It is naïve for us living in South Africa to think now that the problems are nearly over in Zimbabwe the 3 million will return for good, the border chaos will continue and could in fact become worse. Think about it, if all the Zimbo's did go home, The Spur group and a probably the South African economy might well collapse!

We are just at the starting block, stand by for a massive demand for the region kicking off **11th June**, not all South Africans love the "beautiful game", they will come...and we need to be competitive, offer value for money and be easy to do business with.

Yours in marketing.

Chris Wood – Maplanga Africa & VicFallsConnection.Com
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THE KHWAI RIVER IS KWAAI MY BROER!!!

So here is the REAL story on the sunken LANDIE from the owner!!!!

Hi Alan

This month's GO magazine has a picture on one of my Land Rovers which has appeared in your e-zine. Here's the background.

Every Picture tells a story – or in this case the story behind the picture!!

The Land Rover Defender seen doing a nosedive in "GO" February Issue was rented by Explorer Safaris to a Swiss doctor. The doctor and partner were taking a 3 week Self Drive Botswana Safari. Both of them were experienced off road drivers with experience from several earlier trips. At the "handover" of the vehicle at O.R. Tambo Airport the drivers displayed a thorough knowledge of off road driving.

Some two weeks later I received a call from the Swiss doctor to inform me that the vehicle had been downed when a log bridge collapsed. My instruction was to get the vehicle towed back to Maun where the Land Rover dealer could attempt to effect repairs. Unfortunately the good doctor found someone with a tractor who proceeded to try to pull the vehicle out of the river at the wrong angle, the resultant damage was that the complete tow bar was ripped out of the chassis only adding to the damage at the front end.



Eventually the vehicle was professionally recovered the next day and towed to Maun. After receiving the initial report from Land Rover Maun we immediately dispatched another Land Rover for the guests to continue their holiday.

Land Rover in Maun were not able to breathe any life in to the drowned vehicle, so we had to get it transported back to Johannesburg. The repair bill to return the vehicle back to its original state was R357000.00 so our insurers elected to write-off this Land Rover.

Regards
Keith Rampton
Explorer Safaris



MEAT IN BOTSWANA

Please note: if you are carrying meat, you must declare it at either Makalamabedi Vet Fence or Kuki Gate (depending on your route) and ask them for a permit, tell them you are going to Shakawe - otherwise, your meat will be confiscated at any other veterinary check points (foot and mouth precautions).

WORLD CUP 2010 – BEWARE!!!!

Just to alert you about a few points that may affect employees, families and lives regarding this year's 2010 Soccer World Cup in SA: At an FNB Business Dinner last week, Gary Bailey (who has been involved in the last two World Cups) presented some stats on World Cup expectations:

- Schools will be closed for almost over four weeks during the World Cup – **Think about what you're going do with your kids.**
- Air tickets to Cape Town (for example) will cost about R8,000 per seat as some flights have to leave same night after the games due to accommodation problems in: PLZ/CPT/DBN/BLOEM.
- Flights will operate 24 hours. Expect NOISE. **Expect TRAFFIC around airports all hours.**
- **Fresh veggies and fruit will be scarce, if not unavailable**, during this time. For the World Cup in Germany, they had to import them.

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- Traffic will increase by about 30% at the times of the games as fans go to the grounds or Fan Parks (games start at 13.30, 16.00 and 20.30 hrs). The best time to fly is whilst matches are on!
- Road areas around stadiums will be closed off.
- It is expected that 550,000 people will be travelling to/from matches and 100,000 per match day... Expect considerable delays on match days;
- There will not be parking available at airports - **so arrange drop offs**
- 4,800 buses will be operational and there will be restrictions on truckers/hauliers, etc. so you need to plan with clients and especially regarding containers needing haulage.
- "Fan Parks" will be a huge attraction and traffic to/from those areas will be extremely congested (and Dangerous!!) . At one Fan Park in Germany 500,000 people pitched up, consuming during the events three million sausages, one million litres of beer, etc. Think of the logistics!!!

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD

- Do not travel during these periods unless it is critical to travel. Plan your trip well in advance, changes to a ticket over this period will be extremely difficult and very expensive.
- Try to make appointments at a location that is in the opposite direction of a stadium / fan park.
Take flights during the times when the games are being played. Games start at 13h30. Allow for a minimum of 2 hours to get to the airport in Cape Town and possibly 3 hours for Johannesburg. Congestion on the roads both to and from the airports is going to be chaotic. Plan for delays
- Parking at the airport will be virtually impossible and it is advisable to get someone to drop / collect you from the airports.. Transfer companies will be busy with tourists and will also be very expensive

VAT UP IN BOTSWANA

You might have been already informed by our colleagues in Botswana of the recently announced VAT increase from 10% to 12% as from the 01st April 2010.

GOODBYE HUMMER! ITS OVER....

General Motors is to discontinue its celebrated - and scorned - Hummer SUV brand after a deal to sell the nameplate to China-based Tengzhong fell through. Vice-president for corporate planning John Smith said: "GM will now work closely with Hummer employees, dealers and suppliers to wind down the business in an orderly and responsible manner."

GM said it would continue to honour Hummer warranties and provide service support and spare parts to current owners of the military-style sport utility worldwide - including South Africa. GMSA spokeswoman Denise van Huyssteen said the demise of the brand would not affect GM operations in South Africa as local production of the Hummer H3 ended in May 2009 and the tooling was dismantled and sent to Shreveport, Louisiana.

GM did not comment on the reasons for scrapping the deal but Tengzhong said on Thursday it was "unable to obtain clearance of the transaction from the Chinese regulators within the proposed time". A GM spokesman said: "We have about 3000 employees directly employed in



the design, production and sale of Hummers, not including suppliers. Some of them work on other brands as well so the actual impact on jobs will be significantly less than that."

GM acquired full ownership of Hummer in 1999 and expanded production of the original Hummer or H1 and H2. In 2005 GM introduced the H3, which was a mid-sized (by Hummer standards, anyway) version, which was also made in South Africa) until May 2009

NEW GUEST HOUSE IN PARYS, CLOSE TO 4x4 FACILITIES

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Regards
Melinda and Bettie

TIPS FOR MOZAMBIQUE TRAVELLERS

Many a South African and Tourist in general traveling to Mozambique are not aware of the requirements and Laws when entering and traveling around Mozambique. First time travelers feel that they are being harassed by the officials of Mozambique.

Visas are no longer required by South African citizens but remember you are only allowed to stay in the country for 30 days as of the stamp on entering at the Border post. If you do not have a South African passport you will need to apply for a Visa at the Mozambique Embassy offices situated in your area.

Tourists traveling to Mozambique by Vehicle will need to take out the Compulsory third party insurance. This insurance covers you should you have an accident involving a Mozambique vehicle or should you accidentally knock over a pedestrian.

Personally I have found Hollsure Insurance Mozambique to be the best and they also offer a Maputo office all hours number should you be involved in an accident. Hollsure Maputo will also send an official to assist you at the Police station if need be.

TOURISTS TRAVELLING THROUGH THE NEW LIMPOPO BORDER GATE ARE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FACILITIES.

You must purchase your insurance from your nearest AA or known agent.

When entering Mozambique you will be required to pay a levy on your passports. You will then have to pay a road tax levy in meticals. You will also need to complete a DA341 temporary export/import document which you must state what you are taking into Mozambique and what you are taking out of Mozambique.

Example: Deep Freeze, camping and fishing equipment etc. On your return at the Border post should you be checked you must be able to show the officials the goods declared or else you will have to pay a levy until such time as you produce the items. At Lebombo Border post it is much easier to obtain an agent who does all your documentation for you. The agent charges you a levy and there are plenty of them. Just watch out for the crooked ones.

The agent saves you time and language communication problems with officials. Travelers going through the Limpopo gate are subject to another tariff table per person.



When entering Mozambique you are required by Law to wear a seat belt at all times. Should you be caught without one on you are fined once again. All vehicles must have a ZA sticker on them as well as a yellow triangle on a blue background displayed on them. Make sure you have your Drivers License and vehicle documentation on you at all times. Make sure your vehicle and trailer lights, indicators etc are all working as the officials in the Quissico area like this one. All trailers as per the new law must have reflective tape on them.

When traveling through the towns makes sure you stick to the Speed limits. If the sign says 60 then drop your speed to 40. The Mozambique speed law for travelling on roads in populated areas is 60km/h. This being for vehicles only, if you have a trailer then the law states 50km/h. Radar trapping is the main trapping device used and spot fines are payable. Watch out for areas where there is a solid white line as the officials like to too fine the tourists when one or two wheels especially wide trailers etc go over.

According to the rules of the Police of the republic of Mozambique, traffic officers are obliged to identify themselves and to produce proof of identification. You the tourist have the right to ask for his documentation.

When issued with a fine, tourists are advised to get a receipt and on the receipt according to Mozambique law the traffic officer must specify the traffic violation and quote the relevant article from the road ordinance and indicate the monetary value of the fine.

Tourists to Mozambique are advised to make sure that their medical insurance is in order with their medical aids. Some medical aids in South Africa need to be advised of your entry date into Mozambique and destination. Should you require medical insurance for Mozambique contact your nearest Travel Insurance branch or Mozambique Road Evac does offer a medical Insurance for R150 per person where by you are transported by road to the nearest South African Hospital with a qualified Paramedic. Air Emergency Evacuation in Mozambique can cost you up to R20 000.00 plus should you not be insured. Payable upfront before the plane leaves South Africa.

This is just a basic guide line for tourists and travelers to Mozambique and please understands that the laws and tariffs are subject to change at any time by the Mozambique authorities.

Always carry with you your Resort contact numbers that you are going to in case of an emergency. They can always assist you in an emergency.

Should any readers have any queries/problems etc regarding traveling to Mozambique address them to linda@mozambiquereservations.co.za

NEW TOLL RATES FROM 1 MARCH 2010

See our website under ARTICLES, INTERESTING ARTICLES in a day or 2 for the new prices across SA! www.4x4offroadclub.co.za

4x4 COMMUNITY TACKLE ENVIRONMENATAL ISSUES

The 4x4Community administration had been looking for ways for the community to give something back to the environment that we love so much. This initiative takes many forms, the first being the support of many individual club initiatives such as the Landcruiser Club support for



the Namibian Desert Lion Project and secondly, we have now started our own environmental forum.

Towards the end of last year, some members got together and joined up with FOPS (Friends of the Pilanesberg) a volunteer group that undertakes maintenance & support in the Pilanesberg, Borakalalo & Kgaswane game reserves of the North West Province. We have tied in with John Bennet & his team that do Borakalalo & Kgaswane.

With FOPS, we have taken on a specific project at Borakalalo, where we are rebuilding a causeway that has been damaged over the years by the water flow. The community thread about this can be found in the Environmental section of the 4x4 Community Forum.

<http://www.4x4community.co.za/forum/forumdisplay.php?f=228>

Added to this, we help the FOPS team when required with maintenance of the bird hides, alien vegetation control, road clearing and hiking trail maintenance. Some guys are also helping out by servicing the park vehicles including the tractors & TLB.

The Bora work weekends are every 4 weeks (about once a month). You come out on Friday afternoon, early evening, work hard on Saturday, and have a free day in the park on Sunday.

We have also started helping a Vulture rehab centre near Hartebeespoort dam and have started some dialogue with the Krugersdorp Game Reserve and will be meeting with them shortly.

So this request is for volunteers to join us on these projects which are ultimately not about us but are for the greater good of all.

Thanks & Blessings to all.

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PAJERO CLUB LAUNCH OUTING IN GAUTENG

The Pajero Owners Club will be having it's inaugural Gauteng get together on Saturday 6th March 2010.

We will be meeting at 2pm at Protea Eco Adventures, located inside the Krugersdorp Game Reserve. There you will receive some complimentary cooldrinks/coffee/tea and then go on a short game drive where we will also see some Lions with their new born cubs. Returning back to base those that wish to, can make use of the 4x4 training track. Qualified training instructors will be at hand to assist where needed and let you get to know your vehicle a little better. Protea is an Accredited Mitsubishi Xplorers Training venue.

Thereafter we will braai or have finger food available. The preliminary cost will be R150 per vehicle. Bring your Pajero, your family including all the kids, some snacks and a Spirit of Adventure (The Captain stays at home). Bring another fellow Pajero driver with you on the day even if they are not yet part of the Pajero Owners Club.

Interested – contact christo@grieselnel.co.za



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March 2009

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FEDERATION OF TOUR GUIDES NOTICE

Press Release - Federation of South African Tourist Guide Associations.

At a special meeting, (29,30 Jan 2010)held in the auditorium of Museum Africa, New Town, Johannesburg, a new Constitution was drafted for the Federation of South African Tourist Guide Associations. This Federation will now be able to speak as one voice on behalf of all Tourist Guide Associations and their members, the tourist guides, in South Africa.

The main objective is to create a new awareness on the role the Tourist Guide is playing in the tourism industry. Further to address issues such a professionalizing the industry and negotiate with other role players. The Federation will consist of two tears of memberships.

The Federation will be headed by a National Executive Committee, which was elected from the National Representative Committee. The National Representative Committee is what it says, representing all constituted tourist guides associations in South Africa.

A full time office with a secretary will be set up in the near future. The National Executive Committee is:

Chair person : Fanie Terblanche 082 881 2690

Vice Chair : Philip Coetzee 083 317 7687

Treasurer : Johan van Biljon 083 655 1997

Additional Members: Ken Gillings, Nadia Mayes, Jenny Briscoe, Yvette Odendaal, Pippa Wordie and Willem Heckroodt.



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Issued by the National Executive Committee.

HELP "TLC" RAISE FUNDS DURING THE ARGUS CYCLE TOUR

Dearest Worldwide TLC Family!

I have a very good young friend called Alexander Antrobus. He is studying at Cape Town University and since he was just a chubby little fellow he was one of TLC's most enthusiastic champions! He is also a very keen cyclist, a passion he shares with his father, Mark Antrobus. His mother is the vice-chairlady (previous chairlady) of the TLC Board.

This year he has combined his two passions and will be riding the world-renowned "Cape Argus Cycle Race". He has pulled in several friends, including his Dad and they are all going to dress up in Baby-grows and bonnets. Imagine! 😊 I am attaching pictures for you, as well as Alex's information.

This is an international drive. Wherever you are in the world, you can participate. If you go to our website on the following page: <http://www.tlc.org.za/TLC-DW/helpfin.html> you will see how to make your donation internationally, through our TLC "branches" or you can make your donation through Paypal if you are in America or Canada.

Of course locally, you can just do it the normal way. **Please** be very sure that you put on the reference "**Alex's Kiddy-Run**" This is **VERY IMPORTANT** because Alex will want to account to all the donors as to the success of his venture (and with your information we will be able to account to you too!)

Thank you for helping to make this a success and a very big thank you to my friend Alex and all his participants for this wonderful effort on behalf of our little children here at TLC.

God bless you all ... and a "Normal" Newsletter will follow shortly!

Thea Jarvis

(This is a charity we as 4x4-ers assisted in the past. Give it some thought. Regards. Ed)

MICK FARMER CHALLENGES THINKING ON THE NEW CRUISER 200!

By [Mick Farmer](#) (Uganda)

The 100 Series

I think that the 100 series Land Cruiser is one of the best 4wd vehicles ever built. The GX part time 4wd version is great. It has the best compromise available of all time for off road capability, on road handling and executive luxury appeal. It is the only large 4wd vehicle that could be armoured without any modification to the chassis and still maintained quite good handling capabilities with only up rated brakes and suspension.

Organisations throughout the world bought them. The UN alone still has thousands of them scattered around the globe. For the conditions found in developing countries, this fairly simply built and very reliable vehicle became an icon. Nicknamed in many countries for its status and



appearance. In Uganda they call it the Balloon and in Sudan they call it Monica! Rounded and curvaceous it is. Some would even say sexy. Better than the 80 series, also an awesome vehicle.

The 200 Series

So what are these many organisations going to do when it's time for new vehicles? Go for the 200 series? If they are after "Bling," then why not. Good looking with loads of plastic spoiler to get spoilt and expensive to replace. Packed full of electronics, with fancy key entrance and related push button start. Independent front suspension which in my opinion won't last the harsh driving conditions let alone the harsh drivers found in lower income countries.

Picture being stuck in the middle of the Sahel with this vehicle failing to start? Or the electronic management system going down. A twin turbo V8 diesel. Great if you want to nip down the Autobahn. But you don't need that acceleration rate and speed knocking around most of sub Saharan Africa unless you want to end up on your roof. The 1HZ is a great engine even though doing the valve clearances are beyond the capabilities of most workshops. It has some low down grunt, not the whiz bang wheel spin ability of the V8.

What were they thinking?

For the life of me I cannot fathom the reasoning behind the decision to end the 100 series. The 76 series 5 door doesn't come any where near replacing it. So what have Toyota been doing over the past few years or so? Produced a new Hilux that doesn't come up to the mark. Got rid of the old model Hilux which even with independent front suspension (one of the best of the rigid front suspension systems out there) had a fairly good off road capability and reliability. And drove well on unsealed roads as long as you banged it into H4.

Made the 5 door boxy station wagon 76 series. This will appeal to the NGO and maybe UN market. I don't like it. It reminds me of that horrible Land Cruiser II that they had back in the early 90s. Gone the rugged 75 series. But there's the 78 series now you say. Still it's not as popular as the 75. Those front coil springs aren't really up to the job if you ask me. If you are going to coil a vehicle, do it all round with decent springs that don't knock the bump stops out within a short time. At least Land Rover got that one right!

What's the Alternative Now?

So enter Nissan. I predict that they will probably take over the developing country, NGO and UN market in the relatively near future. They already have with peace keeping missions for instance. The new Nissan Patrol GX model in station wagon and pick up models is not bad at all. I did a comparison for a client between the Patrol GX and the 100 series GX and the Toyota model just came out in front on drivability and service back up in most of sub Saharan Africa.

But if I had to do the same now the Patrol would be streets ahead for simplicity reasons alone. You can still do the valve clearances with a spanner, screw driver and a set of feeler gauges. And the fuel system can take some abuse from poor quality fuel. I'm not sure that this will be so with the 200. It has a simple, strong and fairly flexible live axle beam suspension system front and rear that can and does deal with the rigors of driving in harsh areas. It also has a fairly good off road capability with LSD fitted in the rear axle.



Also, they can supply a rugged, simple double cabin pick up that comes with a rear diff lock as standard. The J83 model. This vehicle drives well and is simple to maintain. It just don't look as nice as the Hilux. No Bling!!

Both of these models are ideal for field work in harsh environments with Patrol giving that executive appeal as well. But then some organisations are governed by policy. For instance one organisation I was speaking to recently will only buy vehicles that have ABS and SRS for safety reasons. Both the Nissan models I have been harping on about may not come with those systems fitted as standard but a driver can be taught to carry out an emergency braking technique that can equal and if not better ABS on unsealed roads. And if a driver is taught and practices correct defensive driving techniques he/she stands a better chance of not needing SRS which once deploys in a remote field setting may be difficult to reset!

Conclusion

I have to thank my dear departed Dad for the title. He gave me two bits of engineering advice before I left home to join up. 1) is the title and 2) is "tight is tight too tight is broke". Use a torque wrench. This is one that definitely applies to my neck of the woods. After joining up I came across the KISS principle which to this day I still try to follow.

Come on Toyota there's a huge market for simple 4wd vehicles in the developing world why make it more complicated than it should or has to be?

IS BOTSWANA UNDER WATER?

This year's flooding of the Okavango River and delta could be massive judging from the amount of water that has already been recorded. Heavy and consistent rains in the Angolan eastern highlands – which are continuing - has seen river levels at Rundu, in Namibia, rise to 7.46 metres compared to the 2009 figure of 5.17 metres.

Latest levels show a rise of more than 8cm at Rundu since January 29 and 10cm at Mohembo – where the level that day was 2.53 metres. The figures for Rundu are 3 metres higher than is normal for a January 29 recording - on Friday it stood at 7.14 m after reaching 7 metres the day before due to heavy rains in the Nkurenkuru area.

This year's flood, widely expected to come down the Thamalakane River through Maun in about May, could be bigger than the 2009 event, which saw huge amounts of water flooding surrounding farmlands and residential areas.

For the first time in years it also resulted in high inflows into Lake Ngami and the Boteti River. Meanwhile at Kongola, on the banks of the Kwando River on the northern Botswana-Namibia border, water levels are standing at 3.06 metres, slightly less than last year. The Zambezi River at Katima Mulilo was 2.19 metres higher this week and steadily rising - the normal January figure is 1.48 metres.

The normally bone dry Savuti channels are also overflowing, with the marsh channels expected to contain water for at least six months. Water is almost surrounding the Savuti Scout camp.



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COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE FROM WILDERNESS SAFARIS BOTSWANA

Hi Henry

Just to let you know that the Savuti Channel is now only a couple of Km's from the public camp site and with a good flood on its way it will defiantly hit the marsh!!!! So a trip this year is recommended!!!!

Cheers
Richard

TENNECO ESTABLISHES GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOAL

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has officially announced that Tenneco – Manufacturer & distributor of Monroe and Rancho shock absorbers and Gillet emission control products in South Africa, has committed to reducing its global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 20%, per weight of manufactured goods and parts shipped, from 2008 to 2014. This initiative marks the next milestone in Tenneco's participation in the Climate Leaders Program, a partnership Tenneco joined in 2004 that helps companies develop comprehensive climate change strategies. Other *Fortune* 500 companies taking part in the Climate Leaders Program include Caterpillar, General Motors, Johnson Controls, and Alcoa.

Working toward this objective will involve all of Tenneco's facilities worldwide, which will entail establishing SBU - and plant-specific targets in the coming months.

"By committing to a global GHG reduction goal, Tenneco is adding value to our no-environmental impact approach to manufacturing," said **Tim Gordon**, executive director, Environmental, Health and Safety. "I thank every facility for its commitment thus far to conserving energy and reducing CO₂ emissions and look forward to working together to meet this new challenge."

To cut GHG emissions by 20% by 2014, Tenneco will reduce direct and indirect emissions through energy conservation at their facilities. They will continue to use Lean Manufacturing principles to find pockets of energy waste that can be better controlled. Several projects already underway at Tenneco facilities worldwide include:

- Switching to more efficient lighting
- Executing compressed air leak detection and control
- Turning off idle equipment

Additionally, by obtaining grants and rebates available in some countries, several Tenneco facilities have begun to install photovoltaic cells, or solar panels, on their roofs.

AARTO – WILL IT WORK (AND DELAYED YET AGAIN!!!!)

February 6, 2010

By Sameer Naik

In two months South Africans will hit the road again for the long Easter weekend but the much-anticipated traffic demerit system, which is tipped to curb driving and driver violations, has been delayed once again. Not only is the man in charge of it all under investigation but officials simply don't have a clue when the system will be implemented.

Although transport minister S'bu Ndebele has admitted to problems with The Administrative



Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act (Aarto), he has downplayed any concerns, saying the issues were "minor" and would be resolved before the end of 2010. But since the pilot project was introduced in Tshwane in 2008 department officials have still not managed to iron out teething problems.

Road Traffic Management Corporation CEO Ranthoko Rakgoale said: "We have to ensure that all the minor problems that we encountered while running the pilot system are verified, so that the system runs 100 percent smoothly before we launch it."

And apart from ironing out problems with Aarto, Rakgoale has another problem on his hands. Last week, the Democratic Alliance called for his suspension pending a full investigation into mismanagement and lavish spending at the RTMC. The party's transport spokesperson, Stuart Farrow, said it would be approaching the Public Protector to launch an investigation after receiving a copy of a report by auditors Deloitte and Touche, whom Rakgoale paid R13.3 million in 2009 for work done on cleaning up the RTMC's finances.

The firm was contracted for seven months at a cost of R1.7m a month. The CEO did not approach his finance committee for authorisation as the cost had been expected to fall below the limit of R10m. The corporation's board had also raised the salaries of the executives by 389 percent from R647 000 to R3.1m.

With the findings of the audit report it was necessary for Ndebele to launch an investigation into Rakgoale, the DA said. Ndebele's spokesman Logan Maistry said Ndebele had referred the matter to the RTMC board, but Rakgoale had not been suspended. This week Rakgoale sang Aarto's praises, saying he believed the system would have a major impact on lowering road deaths.

"With the demerit points leading to the suspension and cancellation of a driver's licence, people will be much more careful. "Now its not only about paying a fine, one will have points," he said. He added that the present system of dealing with traffic violations was inadequate as it had not addressed the root causes of unlawful behaviour on the road.

"Cases are known to be on the court roll for long periods, in some instances up to two years, resulting in an untenable situation of justice long delayed being justice denied," he said. Johannesburg Metro police spokeswoman Edna Mamonyane said the pilot project in Johannesburg had been gaining momentum since its launch and, once fully implemented, she expected it to be effective.

"I believe the Aarto system will work effectively because it will force drivers to change the way they drive on the roads because they will know that they could lose their licence," said Mamonyane.

"Some of us are dependant on our licence because that's the way we get to work every day. If we lose it we will be useless, so I believe people will change their driving habits,"he added. "Offences such as drinking and driving or reckless and negligent driving could cost a driver many points, so people will think before they get behind the wheel," she said.

Rob Handfield-Jones, managing directory of driving.co.za, said the IT and communications



infrastructure would play a very important role in the Aarto system. "It depends on the ability of the IT and communications infrastructure, especially in the smaller municipalities. The capacity of the Post Office to deliver those fines by registered mail is a big question mark," he said.

Asked whether the system would reduce road deaths, Handfield-Jones said not until the enforcement basis for South African road safety moved away from "speed kills". "There are 2055 offences which can be committed under Aarto. A single one, speed, accounts for the huge majority of prosecutions - more than 98 percent, by my calculations. And since you can be killed at almost any speed above walking pace, speed control is not an effective road safety strategy," said Handfield-Jones.

He added that Aarto would only reduce road deaths when moving violations become the key driver of enforcement.

"If a guy is caught a few times doing 131 in a 120 zone and loses his licence, there is no gain for road safety, especially when half of all drivers killed in crashes are drunk. But drink-driving constitutes less than one percent of all enforcement notices issued," he said.

When the demerit system is finally introduced, drivers will be allocated 12 points. Should they lose all 12 within one year, their licence will be suspended. After three suspensions, particularly negligent, reckless or unfortunate drivers will have licences cancelled and will be fined.

But a penalty-free year (which means no transgressions) will earn drivers an additional 12 points and a bonus point.

But Handfield-Jones is not convinced, saying drivers will only be as careful as they think the government will let them be. "Since the average driver knows he can get away with almost anything except exceeding the speed limit, I doubt there will be much change in attitude until enforcement starts shifting to the offences that actually cause crashes," said Handfield-Jones. - Saturday Star

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UK HAS SA PROBLEMS – POTHOLES!!!!

While South Africa has been castigating itself over the continuing bloom of potholes - such as in KZN's Valley of 1000 Potholes - a UK survey has also come up with some startling data. Road safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist says half of all UK drivers have had a crash or a near miss while swerving to avoid a pothole.

The company created the survey in response to the rash of potholes created by the UK's severe winter weather but was also shocked that 70 percent of those who spotted a hole didn't bother to tell their local council.

Despite this, nine out of 10 drivers believed those same councils were not doing enough to repair damaged roads. Some reports put the cost of repairs nationwide at nearly R1-billion. And, despite the number of incidents, only five percent of owners of pothole-damaged roads has made a claim against the local council - mainly because few knew how to do so.

GEM has set up a page on its website to offer advice to the public on how to claim for pothole damage.

GROOTGAT FEES 4x4

Cullinan combined school is hosting a festival on 20,21 and 22 March 2010 in Cullinan as part of their fundraising. On Monday 22 March 2010 we are planning a 4X4 event in Rayton. This will be a challenge with 12 obstacles.



www.grootgatfees.co.za

A banner for Pioneer Plastics with a yellow background. The text 'PIONEER PLASTICS' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, 'Anything's Possible' is written in a cursive font. Underneath that, 'WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS' and 'www.pioneerplastics.co.za' are in smaller text. At the bottom, 'Tel: 012 541 6000' is displayed. The banner also includes images of various plastic mouldings and a person working with a machine.

YACHT AROUND THE CLUB – IN MOZAMBIQUE

Yacht Sarah offers family type holidays in and around the Bazaruto Archipelago Island hopping from one beautiful island to the next. They offer activities like snorkelling, fishing, picnics on the beach etc. The yacht has four awesome trips to Bassas Da India, two in April-May 2010 and two in Sept-Oct 2010. These trips are extreme sailing trips for 10 days and offer fishing and diving.

The Bazaruto Fishing/Diving Holiday we let you experience ultimate fishing and diving in the Bazaruto Archipelago. The daily rate includes transfers from Vilanculos airport to the harbour, 3 meals per day on the yacht, all activities offered by the crew, drinking water, juice, tea and coffee. **For more information email us at bookings@mozambique-reservations.co.za**

WINTER 4x4ING IN THE EASTERN CAPE

I have recently come across your contact details as a 4x4 club representative and hope you don't mind me writing to you.

We are now taking winter bookings for travellers wanting to tour the 8 stunning mountain passes of the Eastern Cape Highlands – also known as 'The Wild Side of the Drakensberg'. DriveOut/WegRy featured the area in their Oct/Nov edition and you may also be interested in a recent article that I have written about the passes which can be found on <http://www.wildmountainadventures.co.za/page15.htm>. All of the roads can be navigated on a self-drive basis, and we are happy to provide local weather and road information ahead of your travels.

I would be very grateful if you could circulate details to your membership via newsletter or web pages. Many thanks & kind regards

Kate Nelson

Wild Mountain Adventures

Web: www.wildmountainadventures.co.za / **Email:** wildmountain@polka.co.za

NEW LODGE FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

Hi Alan

This is just a quick email to provide you with our details here at Mhara Game Lodge. We would like you to keep us in mind or possibly forward our details to people/Companies/Clubs who might be interested in Weekends away. Our lodge has been specifically designed around Group functions, Conferencing and the likeThere are a number of 4x4 trails in the vicinity as well as Doorndraai dam (Camping, boating, fishing,etc).

We are approx 24 km's from Legends and 35km's from Euphoria Golf Courses (Naboomspruit) ,45 Kms to Koro Creek and 70km's from Elements Golf Course in Bela Bela...

We offer you affordable, clean, luxurious and beautiful accommodation ... From 1st May through August to 1st September is our hunting season

For anymore detail or info required , should this be of interest to you please feel free to contact us



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PS: Please note that our web-site is currently being updated for 2010.....should be complete by end of Feb.

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THOSE VUVUZELAS!!!

For millions of South Africans the vuvuzela represents the beautiful sound of the African soccer culture, but for many others its nothing else but an annoying instrument of ear-splitting noise.

As the tournament approaches, this paradoxical debate rages on; not only in the cities of South Africa, but also among the international football fraternity and, while Fifa President Mr Sepp Blatter, formerly a development officer for Fifa, remains adamant that the iconic Vuvuzela will form an integral part of the first Fifa tournament hosted in Africa, one fact remains true - the sound of the Vuvuzela horn can make you deaf.

A study conducted by Prof De Wet Swanepoel at the University of Pretoria's Communication Pathology Unit has revealed that the vuvuzela poses a significant recreational risk for noise-induced hearing loss, and also far exceeds the permissible occupational noise levels in South Africa.

Whereas the Occupational Health and Safety Act stipulates a maximum of 85 decibels (dB) for employees to be subjected to before being provided with hearing protection, Swanepoel's study measured a deafening 140dB noise level at a Premier League soccer match attended by 30 000 vuvuzela-blowing spectators. Legislation continues to state that no one should be exposed to 113dB for more than one minute without hearing protection, this measure being the lowest recorded intensity in the stadium during the same match.

During 2009, several petitions to ban the use of this horn has been sent into the world and even the Japanese football team joined in the fight, saying that the noise makes it impossible for footballers to communicate on the field; all to no avail at this stage, even with Swanepoel's research on the table.

"As a cultural instrument the vuvuzela should be kept as part of the South African soccer culture and measures should be taken to protect spectators' hearing," he later commented.

PERMACULTURE PROJECT NEEDS A 4X4

Hallo there!

Louis here from the Wild Coast (Transkei). Please visit us at www.jointventures.co.za to see where we live and what we do.

This is a very isolated village with very pure people in it. My explanation is that they haven't come out of nature yet. The concern is that Capitalism is coming to them! With inflation alone they will



never be able to catch up, yet alone there live style and knowledge about the rest of the world and what they can offer.

We try to help them in a permanent way. Permaculture! Living self sustainable of the land. Same like up to now, just other plants to grow for better nutrition. Help them to realize they must do things for them self's like they did the last 1000 years. Not to wait for the Government to do something about their lives.

Sooo, our 4x4 burned out in Durban a couple of months ago, and since then it is a struggle to get out volunteers in to the village! We rely on them to be able to help these people. Soooooo, PLEASE can you maybe send this to your members and see if there is someone who can sponsor us a old 4x4, or new!

Also look at the tours we offer and maybe bring some friends with! I trust that there is someone who can help us.

Thanx for your time!

Louis Fourie
Gwexintaba Joint Ventures cc.
www.jointventures.co.za
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BHEJANE 4x4 TOURS

All the prices quoted include

- All guest-house, lodge and or tented accommodation
- All camp fees
- Three meals a day
- All park entrance fees
- All advertised activities
- Bhejane Adventures provides al the tents, cutlery and crockery
- Coffee & Tea – all day every day whilst in camp

What you need to bring

- You and your family
- Your passport
- Your vehicle & fuel
- Your own mattresses and sleeping bags
- Your own fold-up chairs
- Your own drinks and in-between snacks

2010 Tours:

Sani Pass – Trans Lesotho Adventure

14 to 17 March 2010 (113)

3 night adventure (guest house accommodation)



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Cost: R4000.00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

This long weekend is a must for any 4x4 or sports utility enthusiast; if you have not yet "tamed the dragon" you can now safely do so in the comfort of your own vehicle. Though the Sani Pass is awesome, no previous 4x4 experience is required.

This adventure traverses Lesotho from east to west over the highest mountain passes in Africa and includes a visit to the mighty Katse Dam. Our overnight stops are spent in the comfort of Cariad Heights Guest House in the Natal Midlands and the Bella Rosa Guest House in the Eastern Free State.

This Sani Pass tour can conveniently be combined with the Drive Out Reader's - Lesotho Kingdom tour below

Lesotho - Kingdom in the Sky - Drive Out Reader's Tour
19 to 23 March 2010 (113A)

4 night adventure (guest house accommodation)

Cost: R5550. 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

You and your family will enjoy the experience of navigating mountain tracks with names such as "Jockstrap Pass" and "God Help Me Pass" which sit at an average height of over 2 500m above sea level. Join us on our self-drive trip in Western Lesotho.

Not only is this one of the most scenic parts of Southern Africa, but the cultural and historic secrets that you will discover will intrigue you. You will gain an appreciation of this beautiful little country in the sky with its friendly people that are the protectors for most of South Africa's fresh water.

This is a wonderful adventure for all types of 4-wheel drive vehicles and offers excitement for the whole family.

Trans Botswana, Caprivi, Victoria Falls & Chobe National Park

2 to 12 April 2010 (114) / 14 to 24 June 2010 (119) / 25 June to 5 July 2010 (120) / 12 to 22 July 2010 (123) / 23 July to 2 August (124) / 24 September to 4 October 2010 (130)

10 night adventure (tented accommodation)

Cost: R7950, 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

Follow the contrast from the vast sand flats of the Makgadikgadi Pans, to the papyrus lined canals of the Okavango Delta and experience the magnificent Chobe National Park on a game drive, in an open safari vehicle and a boat cruise on the Chobe River.

Join us to discover the marvels of this geological intrigue as we travel from Kubu Island on into the Caprivi Strip via the mysterious Tsodilo Hills, eastwards along the Chobe River and on to the mighty Zambesi at the Victoria Falls.

Hluhluwe, Umfolozi & Maputoland – Refuge of the Rhino

29 April to 4 May 2010 (117)

5 night adventure (chalet accommodation)



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Cost: R6950.00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

Take this opportunity to drive and walk in South Africa's oldest game reserve, and royal hunting ground of Shaka Zulu. Frank and one of his former Zulu colleagues will enhance this experience and share anecdotes of rhino protection, game capture and Zulu history.

Accessible to only 4X4's, Maputaland's sand tracks meander past fresh-water inland lakes, under tropical tree canopies and to beaches lined with coral reefs.

Faces of the Namib Desert

23 to 28 May 2010 (118) / 17 to 22 October 2010 (134)

6 night adventure (tented accommodation)

Cost: R6000, 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

Do you believe that travel should be about more than "just looking" – and that every journey should be a life-enriching experience? Do you yearn to go off-the-beaten-track and experience unspoilt nature? If you answered YES, then you MUST experience the Namib.

The Namib Desert is a unique part of Southern Africa, which on first impression looks dangerous, uninviting and devoid of any life. This impression however, is very deceiving, as the Namib is full of surprises with a rich treasure of discovery for those fascinated by its unique beauty and to safely traverse these mighty dunes is a truly humbling experience.

Reported to be the oldest desert on earth, the Namib is approximately 80 million years old. Completely devoid of surface water, it is bisected by several dry riverbeds and is characterised by extensive, undulating dunes.

Mozambique – Big Game to Coral Reefs

25 June to 3 July 2010 (121) / 4 to 12 July 2010 (122) / 25 September to 3 October 2010 (132) / 4 to 12 October 2010 (133)

8 night adventure (tented & chalet accommodation)

Cost: R8250. 00 or (R7650.00 for tented & room accommodation)

(children under 10 @ 50%)

Starting in the magnificent Kruger Park, we travel east into the lush lowlands of Mozambique, we cross the mighty Limpopo and on to the coastal flood plains.

In chalets almost on the beach, near the town of Inhassoro, overlooking Bazaruto Island, we can experience the true feeling of this tropical paradise.

Having obtained permits to do so, we explore the tropical beaches, discovering the wonders of the coral lined coast, and with luck, we may encounter the elusive dugong.

Ivory Trail & Greater Kruger National Park

8 to 14 August 2010 (127)

6 night adventure (Tented bush-camp with on suite accommodation)

(Limited to ten persons only)

Cost: R7350, 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)



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South Africa's premier game reserve KNP has in recent years become extensively larger as its boundaries shift into transfrontier parks and conservation areas in the form of conservancies.

Three of these areas are exclusive due to their 4x4 access only. The Makuya area in the northwest, the Letaba Ranch area in the central west and the Manyaletie area bordering the Sabi Sands . We spend two nights in each area, in private camps with tented bush lodge accommodation that only sleep ten people.

This is a private safari with high-tech game viewing, guided drives and walks, at a very competitive rate.

Lesotho - Kingdom in the Sky

17 to 21 September 2010 (129A)

4 night adventure (guest house accommodation)

Cost: R5250. 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

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Etosha – Skeleton Coast, Land of the Desert Rhino

20 to 31 August 2010 (128) / 2 to 13 September 2010 (129)

11 night adventure (tented accommodation)

Cost: R8950.00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)

After the brief summer rains have come and gone the Etosha becomes a great, dry ghostly place, with mirages shimmering over its vast 130 x 50 kilometre expanse. The verges of the lake are however, well treed and grassed, with several springs providing water for the numerous animals and birds which live permanently around the pan.

A visit to Etosha, Damaraland and the Skeleton Coast is a never to be forgotten experience for the connoisseur of scenery, atmosphere and the unusual that only the "dorsland" of the Kalahari and the Namib can offer,

Zambia – Liuwa Plains Wildebeest Migration

1 to 10 November 2010 (135)

9 night adventure (tented accommodation)

Cost: R9450, 00 per person (children under 10 @ 50%)



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Our route takes us from Kasane in Botswana to Katima Mulilo in Namibia, where we catch our first glimpse of the Mighty Zambezi. Following the course of the Zambezi past the Sioma Falls we cross the Barotse Floodplains and on through the town of Kalabo in Western Zambia.

From Kalabo, we enter the Liuwa Plains National Park where we will encounter the second biggest wildebeest migration in Africa. At times, wildebeest and their calves can be seen in their hundreds, followed by the predators that stalk them.

Contact Frank or Dennis on info@bhejane.com

January 2010

From the Tracks – Reader Feedback

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Dear Alan,

Thanks for the e-zine. The reason for this e-mail is not just to say thanks but also to compliment you on a fantastic publication. This has been one of the most comprehensive and informative 4x4 publications I have ever read.

All the best for future publications.

Kind regards

Sim de Wet - Managing Director

Stallion Security

(Thanks boet! Ed)

Hi Alan

Thanks for sending me the E-Zine. I find it such a pleasure to read and want to ask you if you could send it in future to my other email address.

Have a wonderful day

Frances Meintjes

Hi Alan,

I trust all is fine on your side. I trust this will be a great year for you and your family!

Regards

Heinrich Coetzee

Director - Training and Marketing

Hi Alan

Thanks again for another excellent edition. We now have monthly safaris to Mozambique for groups from Joburg, via Maputo to Pleasure Bay (Paindane Beach). Please get readers to email us for our 2010 program.

Kind regards

Gerrie Schoeman - gerrie.schoeman@gmail.com / Wet & Wild Safaris

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HELP WANTED WITH CRUISER WINDOW

Good day Alan.

Please can you assist me with the following.

A client of mine has got a Toyota Land Cruiser 100GX diesel. His side window at the most rear has been knocked out. Nowhere in SA he can find a window – Toyota SA say the ship is on its way from SA to go and collect stock. Maybe 2 months. I will appreciate it if you have someone who can assist us.

I also cc'd Thinus in on this mail. He can be contacted at (082) 467-4545
Thanks in advance!

SNAKE IDENTIFICATION / BITE COURSE FEEDBACK

Hi Alan,

Just thought I'd let you and the Club know that this course was Excellent, Excellent!! It was extremely informative and relevant to any outdoor enthusiast. I just did the first part, so left out the Snake Handling bit in the afternoon.

The theory was all around the 15 Poisonous Snake Species in Southern Africa, 4 of which cause the most problems, these being the Puff Adder, Mozambique Spitting Cobra, Common Night Adder and Stiletto Snakes. The Black Mamba has the most deadly bite but is apparently a very aloof snake so makes itself scarce. Dankie Vader!! Some of the pictures of the consequences of patients who didn't get treatment fast enough were VERY graphic. Definitely not for the more sensitive of us,

Highly recommended all the same!!
Brian Magner

ECO4X4AFRICA FOR SAFARIS AND TOURS IN 12 AFRICAN COUNTRIES 2010

This Tour program is for the 4x4 Off-road Club and for members receiving the E-Zine newsletter

The following Terms and Conditions apply for **Club Members** only

1. Adults – Listed price LESS 15% **for members and included for family members**
2. High School Children 13-18 years 50% of the listed price
3. Primary School Children 6-12 years 25% of the listed price
4. Not in School Children – 10% of the listed price
5. All tours for members are Non Catered Tours

The following Terms and Conditions apply for **Non Club Members but E-Zine Readers**

1. All persons – Listed Price LESS 5% - Adults to 6 years old's

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2. All tours for Readers are Non Catered Tours.

General

1. Nett prices are Nett and confirmed as Nett
2. Catering is possible and can be included at roughly 15% of the Listed Price

Tour 3: 18-22 Mar 2010 Sutherland Star Gazing R2500pp Bus and Chalets
R1500pp Own veh & Chalets
R1000pp Own veh and Camp
Cars and SUV's welcome

1. Pretoria
2. Bloemfontein
3. Beaufort Wes
4. Sutherland and back.

Tour 3A: 14-23 Mar 2010 Botswana North R9500pp Bus and Chalets
R8000pp Own veh & Chalets
Cars and SUV's welcome

1. Francistown/2. Kasane/3. Chobe/4. Boat Cruise/5. Nata/6. Maun and same route back

Tour 4: 11 Apr – 13 May(35) Serengeti Migration R27500pp-35days&7Countries
21 Apr – 2 May(12) Serengeti Fly-in R24750 Nett Price Per Person
21 Apr – 6 May(16) Serengeti + Zanzibar Fly-in R27750 Nett Price Per Person
Flight Tickets & Tax included

1. Vic Falls/ 2. Kilimanjaro/ 3. Ngorongoro Crater/ 4. Serengeti/ 5. Masai Mara/ 6. Zanzibar 7. Malawi 8. Mozambique. No children on this tour, June for school children and parents.

Tour 5A: 22 May-6 Jun 2010 Botswana All over R8500pp Own 4x4 & Chalets
R9900pp 4x4 Passenger &
R6900pp Own 4x4 & Camp

1. Ganza/ 2. Maun/ 3. Moremi/ 4. Delta/ 5. Caprivi/ 6. Chobe

Tour 6: 13 Jun-14 Jul(35) Serengeti Masai R27500pp-35days&7Countries

1. Vic Falls/ 2. Kilimanjaro/ 3. Ngorongoro Crater/ 4. Serengeti/ 5. Masai Mara/ 6. Zanzibar 7. Malawi 8. Mozambique. We stay on the longer Tour via Malawi and Mozambique

Tour 6B: This is the school holiday Serengeti Tour and the prices are NETT Per PERSON

Tour 6B: 13 Jun-11 Jul Serengeti Migration Same Route there and back

1. Vic Falls/ 2. Kilimanjaro/ 3. Ngorongoro Crater/ 4. Serengeti/ 5. Masai Mara/ 6. Back
- In the National Parks for Tanzania, 16 and older are Adults and prices are listed as such
In the National Parks for Kenya, 12 years and older are Adults and prices are listed as such
- | | | |
|--|------------|------------------------------|
| Adults: 16 years and older on 13 June 2010 | Nett price | R22500pp Own vehicle&Camp |
| High school 13-15 years on 13 June 2010 | Nett price | R11000pp in a family vehicle |
| Prim school 6-12 years on 13 June 2010 | Nett price | R5000pp in a family vehicle |
| Not in school till 13 June 2010 | Nett price | R1000pp in a family vehicle |

Tour 7: 17-31 Jul 2010 Kaokoland North Nam R7500 Own 4x4 & Camp

1. Etosha/ 2. Ruacana/ 3. Swartbooi/ 4. Epupa/ 5. Van Zyl/ 6. Puros/ 7. Swakop/ 7. Windhk

Tour 10: 21-29 Aug 2010 Namaqualand Bus Tour only and now cars/4x4's

This tour is for elderly people who want to go and see the flower in Namaqualand

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Nett Price R6500 Bus and B&B
1.Augrabies/ 2. Springbok/ 3.Garies/ 4.Lambertsbaai/ 5.Vanrhynsdorp/ 6.Calvinia/ 7. Upt

Tour 15:29 Aug – 19 Sep Angola Luanda Tour R19500-23 Days Catered

This tour is a fishing, beach and scenic tour from Ruacana to Luanda on the coastline & back via the best routes down to Leba Pass, Huambo and Lubango

1.Cunene mouth/ 2.Doodsakker/ 3. Flamingo Lodge/ 4. Benquela/ 5. Cabeledo/ 6. Kwanza Lodge/ 7. Luanda City/ 8. Brug 14/ 9. Huambo/ 10. Lubango/ 11.Leba Pass Down&Up/
Planning for this tour starts on 1 June because of Visa requirements

All price include VAT and if you are register for VAT – Please request a VAT INVOICE

Some of these Tour can be used as a Corporate Reward Programs

Contact Detail

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Emergency Break!

This new section will focus on a monthly update in the world of First Aid for the Outdoor Enthusiast, based on a successful presentation at each Enthusiast Meeting during 2009. Information is voluntarily presented by Joke Wandrag from the SA First Aid League.

Hi to all our 4x4 Off-road Adventure Club and E-Zine friends,

Herewith the next short first aid article, hints and tips for you to use or refresh your memory! Please let Alan or I know how you like it. Should you have any special request let us know too!

Still remember Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)? Always remember your SABCD

S = Safety

A = Airway

B = Breathing

C = Circulation

D = Do not delay

For Adults, Children and Infants



Open Airway
Head- tilt- chin- lift



Pinch nose closed and administer 2 full breaths
(Less air for small children and infants)



30 Compressions
Rate: 100 / minute
(Adult 2 hands, child 1 hand, infant 2 fingers)

Repeat cycle of 2 breaths and 30 compressions until breathing resumes or help takes over.

Tip: Remember your CPR mouth to mouth device for protection!

Safe & Healthy 4x4ing

Joke Wandrag

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The advertisement shows various plastic products including a white tray, a red container, a blue container, and a green container. A person is shown using a tool to work on a piece of plastic.

REMINDER TO ADVENTURERS

Masazane Expeditions will present the 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Course as follows:

LOUIS TRICHARDT COURSE : 24 TO 28 MARCH 2010

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

DUE TO OUR 2010 TRANS-AFRICA EXPEDITION, THESE WILL BE THE ONLY PLANNED COURSES ON OFFER FOR 2010. DAVE IS ONLY EXPECTED BACK MID-NOVEMBER TO EARLY DECEMBER 2010 SO WE CAN ONLY SAY IF THERE WILL BE ANOTHER COURSE CLOSER TO THE END OF THE YEAR.

The training course is very comprehensive and subscribes to the highest guide and 4x4 industry ethics and codes of conduct. The course is designed to accommodate any level of experience. Every person that completes this training course successfully **SHOULD BE** a better 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guide and a benefit to the 4x4 tourism industry. The 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Training Course covers all aspects of being a 4x4 Tourist Guide – 4x4 Driver Training terminology; 4x4 Vehicle Recovery terminology; Environmental Aspects; General Guiding Aspects; Expedition Planning and Organisation; Border Post Formalities, Navigation; Communications; First Aid (African diseases are covered); Basic Survival Skills; Cooking; etc. Wherever possible, **Masazane Expeditions** also include various lectures from various specialists in their fields on subjects of interest to us as 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guides – Snakes; Scorpions; Insurance; Marketing; etc.

Please bear in mind that this course is **not** a 4x4 driving training course but a tourist guide training course. The course is designed around the assumption that you already can drive a 4x4 vehicle. However should it be required special arrangements can be made before the course – please contact Dave for more details. Since the 4x4 Driver Training US was registered in 2008, **all persons wishing to attend the 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Course must be able to provide certified copies of a Level I and a Level II 4x4 Driving Training Certificate, i.e. basic as well as advanced 4x4 driver training, from a reputable driving school/organisation.**

Corporate 4x4 driver training sessions can be arranged – we have completed many 4x4 driver training sessions for Anglo Platinum and Anglo American over the past few years – basic as well as advanced courses. If you are interested in a group training session please contact Dave for further details.

As you can see this is a very diverse course and covers a wide variety of subjects. Much hard work is anticipated. We will try and make the course as comfortable as possible but you must realise that we may be busy right into the evenings to be able to complete everything in a timely



fashion. Please note that lectures may continue after supper, depending on how far we progress and how many questions/discussions there are. *Masazane Expeditions* tries to involve everybody as much as possible.

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April 2009

Fresh from the Bush – New Products

NO PACKING SYSTEM FROM FOR NEW PRADO'S – FRONT RUNNER POSITION

After considerable investigation and numerous phone calls and discussions regarding the rear seats of the new Prado, we have decided to advise against fitting a storage system into the rear of these vehicles. The rear seats operate electrically and the only mounts are on the rear of the seats themselves. It is believed that fitting a storage system to these mounting's could very well result in the motors and electronics being damaged.

The only other alternative is to have Toyota remove the rear seats and reset the computer so that the alarm does not go off permanently. Then build up a considerable frame on which to mount a storage system. We will not be offering any such frame so this will need to be undertaken by anyone attempting to do this sort of fitment.

NEW FEATHERLITE ROOFTOP TENT STILL TOPS!

we have just received our new consignment of Featherlite Roof top tents and are very happy to be able to inform you that the price will stay the same at R 7995.00. This price makes the Featherlite tent one of the most affordable tents on the market. We have also brought in a number of the shower skirts for the tents which will retail for R 1050.

Contact Wayne@frontrunner.co.za



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The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports & Feedbacks

VALENTINE WEEKEND AWAY

The club ventured to the town of Bela Bela and invaded (yes we did book!) the Koro Koro camping lodge. A better Bushveld atmosphere camp site is very difficult to find indeed. The venue is exceptional, the facilities excellent and the hosts out of this world. It is fast becoming one of our favoured chill weekend venues.

Everybody arrived at will on the Friday, given the 'get out of Gauteng' syndrome traffic scenarios, and enjoyed a relaxing braai the evening in one of the 'doodloop' avenues of the camp site. Saturday morning the heat rose and very soon, the whole box and dice was in the pool, with a few people seeking refuge in the shade. We played extensively with the kids for most of the day, enjoying the fresh water, which later become warmer than the heat outside. But we had good clean, family fun.

As the day cooled down, each family went back to their spot to prepare for the Valentines Dinner. The rules stated that the men in the family had to lay a Bushveld Valentine's table, with a seafood starter for their loved one. This would be judged by the owners that evening. Thereafter the families could enjoy their dinner, and at a designated time, muster in the bar of the premises to enjoy deserts. Charmaine dished up a stunning chocolate fountain with various goodies for the wives, but it was short lived as the kids tucked in and enjoyed themselves.

The judges complained bitterly about the high standards, but in the end it was the Greengrass Lover who laid the best table and presented the best starter and he got his prize with due chirps. The group enjoyed some 'pancake' liquors sponsored by our hosts and we enjoyed a late evening amongst good friends.

The next morning, after a scrumptious breakfast, most were back in the pool, and some packed up leisurely. The weekend ended in drips and drabs, but it was a real chill weekend indeed. Thanks to all for participating with such gusto. See you next time.

Alan Goodway - Guide

Hi Alan

Thanks for a wonderful weekend at Koro Koro, It was good just to kick back and relax. Send our regards to Charmaine.
Stefan & Elize Kruger

Hi Alan,

Just to say many thanks for a great Valentine's weekend at Koro-Koro. Being the first time our family attended a weekend function with members of the club, we really appreciated the spirit and openheartedness amongst everybody. Also a big thanks to you and your family for making a special effort to join the group on Saturday after you'd been absent from town for the week.



This shown some real commitment and interest towards the club's activities and its members! And lastly also a big thanks to the senior club members who did not sheer away from mingling with and accepting us 'first-timers' in the group... Looking forward to the next outing with a super bunch of people!

Johan Westraad and family.

Thanks so much for another great weekend with old and new friends. We had a really good time, chilled out and rejuvenated body and soul! Had some great fun around the pool, especially when the "Boopendales" lined up next to the side of the pool for a race!! The amount of effort everyone put in to the "valentines' starters competition" was amazing and I think all our men have been hiding their talents! We were pleasantly surprised when we won 1st prize , but everyone there was a winner!

See you on the next one!
Jonathan and Jill Greengrass

Dear Alan and Charmaine,

We would just like to thank you for a great weekend away. This was much needed for all the things currently happening in our lives.

Thank you for all the effort done with the kids, Valentines Dinner, gifts and prizes. Everything makes us proud to say that we are members of a great club.

Also see attached some photos you requested. The one photo of Ruan sleeping on the grass outside after drinking his evening bottle speaks for itself, a great day at the pool!!!

Regards,
Lessing Family

SERENDIPITY 4x4 DAY TRIP

Saturday 6 Feb 09 saw an early start for those fortunate club members taking part in the well known Serendipity Eco Trail. After meeting bright and early at the Total Petroport on the N1 we headed North to Serendipity. On arrival both groups were welcomed by Alan and the Owner and briefed of the days events. For those that were new to the trail, it promised to be a fantastic outride! Group one immediately headed out and over the hills into the adjacent valley where reports indicated that a ball was had by all. Group two headed for the river bed first, which aided in opening the gap between the two groups on the main trail.

Thanks to the guides who walked the numerous river crossings first to ensure that the correct lines were driven ensured that there were no flooded cars. The group then proceeded up the mountain and over into the adjacent valleys. Some technical rocky driving was experienced by all – again, under the professional guidance of Alan, the correct lines were driven which futher served as a confidence booster to all the drivers and their passengers.

The weather turned out to be fantastic without any rain! A picnic stop en route at the dam was enjoyed by all. Most of the kids took the opportunity to gladly slip into their costumes and make



their way into the water. After lunch it was back onto the trail where beautiful views into the distance were visible. Amazing to believe that so many years ago in the days of Oom Paul Kruger, that this part of the country was used to banish the outcasts to. The odd Zebra were also spotted along the trail.

To those of you that still need to experience the beauty of the Serendipity Eco trail, be sure to be quick off the mark when the next booking notice goes out. You need to experience this one yourself to capture its true beauty!

Take care
Back Door Billy a.k.a Grant Keenan

BERAKAH 4x4 DAY TRIP

The group met at 06h45 at the Grassmere Engen. We filled in the forms and had coffee. We had to wait a while for the seventh vehicle, which failed to arrive. At about 07h10 we headed to Parys, arriving at about 08h30 at Berakah. We filled in the necessary forms, lowered tyre pressures, had a briefing and headed out onto the trail.

The first obstacle, the pole bridge collapsed as the Defender drove onto it. We reversed off it and headed around to the rest of the track which was unusually muddy. Part of the trail was waterlogged and we were asked not to proceed on that part of the route as it would cause damage to a rather sensitive area.

We had an uneventful drive to the lunch stop at around 11h30. Lunch was eaten. There was a fair amount of socializing and banter for around 45 min. We then headed out onto the more difficult part of the trail, with the very long and tricky rocky climb and The Mine Shaft, which was negotiated without any incidents.

Then we carried on through the bush trails with a few more rocky tracks before heading back to the starting point. We all gathered around for a bit more socializing whilst we inflated our tyres, before saying our good-byes and heading home.

I would like to thank Grant and all who assisted me in making it a great incident free and very enjoyable day. Thanks for again entrusting me with a group.

Regards,
Nigel Wilshire.

FIRST AID LEVEL ONE COURSE

Die studente, van jonk tot rype ouderdom, het met alle geesdrif vroeg Saterdag-oggend opgedaag vir die 2 dae noodhulp kursus. Na 'n vars koppie koffie het ons met teorie begin, die moets en moenies van noodhulp en die mags en magnies. Ons het baie geleer: S.A.B.C. – nie TV nie, maar veiligheid op die toneel kom eerste – die “first-aider” wil nie ook 'n pasient word nie! Dan moet jy vasstel of die pasient asemhaal en of die lugwee oop is, en dan of die pasient se bloed vloei (mooi binne in die lyf as die hart klop, of vrylik deur 'n wond).

Een van die belangrikste dinge wat ons geleer het is om kalm te bly te alle tye, stadig en duidelik te praat en die pasient ook te kalmeer en gerus te stel. Ons het alle soorte beenbreke gesien



(grafies – kort-kort 'n OOO of Ah of eish!) en hoe om dit te behandel. BAIE belangrik: die gebreekte been moet net soos jy dit vind gespalk word – moet nooit 'n gebreekte been skuif op probeer regtrek nie. Brandwonde, hartaanvalle, beroertes was behandel. Wat verbasend was is die eenvoud van wat op 'n toneel met die pasient gedoen kan word. Ons hoef nie noodwendig duur toerusting te hê nie – skoon water en koerantpapier het baie toepassings. Ons het wonde verbind, verbande en stutte gebruik, gespalk en geplaster. En dan was daar natuurlik die hoogtepunt ook – CPR! Die arme pop was gepomp, geklap, geblaas en rondgedraai. Ons het die pop elke keer wonderbaarlik lewendig gemaak! Die jonges het besonder goed gevaar, en die onfikse boepense swaar gehyg na 'n paar pompe. Party studente was baie bekommerd oor die pop se welstand en het moederlik die pop kalmeer . . .

Die kursus is afgeluit met teorie wat nie normaalweg in so 'n kursus vervat word nie, maar wat ons as 4x4 geesdriftiges kort-kort in die veld teekom: wat om te doen met slangbyte, skerpioene, spinnekoppe, bosluise en ander goggas. Ek dink elke huishouding moet hierdie kursus doen. Ons het baie geleer!

Kind Regards
André Verster

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Regards,
John Simpson

PAJERO BULLBAR FOR SALE

Hi Alan,



Something else. I've got a ARB winchbar (bullbar) for sale that will fit the 2001 - 2006 model CK Pajero - R 10 000.00 onco. Only used it for about 3 months before the bar was removed as the Pajero was sent down to our Cape Town office. Would you know of anyone that would be interested?

Johan Kriek (Pretoria)

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WOMEN WHO KNOW THEIR PLACE

Barbara Walters, of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands. She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands.

Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem happy to maintain the old custom. Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom, that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation. Said, '**Land Mines.**' Moral of the story is (no matter what language you speak or where)

BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A SMART WOMAN

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