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## **Trails & Tribulations...**

Hi there enthusiasts,

Man, the summer must come now. Is it my imagination or is it a colder winter this year than the last few. As I sit here finalising this edition, I am sucking cups of coffee and trying to unfreeze my fingers regularly. The sun does not get to my office space, so it is chillies indeed. The current shortage of gas is also to blame, as my heaters don't have fuel! Eish!!!

It has been a good month for us in the trip arena, with plenty of outings, but it ended off rather sadly. Yet again, the Gauteng 4x4 industry has lost another one of its backbone players, through a normally treatable condition, viz 'long ontsteking'.

Schalk Kruger, a stalwart member of the Toyota 4x4 Owners Club had been actively involved with the AAWDC for many years, serving as Secretary on the committee; taking on the role of the Driver Trainer portfolio; developing and implementing the first AAWDC website; taking an active part in the process required to setup the driver training standards; playing a key role in producing the Driver Training Manual (DTM) and more recently heading the focus group managing the rewrite of the DTM.

It was during the early days of my club creation here in Gauteng that I got to know guys like Schalk, who had a great sense of humour, although he was always the quiet and steadfast one. We worked together on the manual mentioned above and always collaborated on issues in the industry when the opportunity arises.

Schalk was a long standing member of the Toyota 4x4 Owners Club, joining the club in 1994 and serving two separate two year terms as Chairman of the Toyota 4x4 Owners Club. The kind words spoken at his funeral on Friday by his close friend Pierre at the funeral ended with a request for recognition and remembrance for what Schalk had done and what he stood for. Schalk, we salute you, with the 4x4 community, for the quiet influence you had on our industry and the road ahead. You were an 'yster'! Our condolences to his family, his friends and his 4x4 club members who have lost a true leader.

I attended the 'new venue' Outdoor Show at Inanda in the month. This new venue could work well, but is weather dependant, and with the changing seasons, it is a risk. The inclement weather earlier that week played havoc with the grounds and underfoot conditions, requiring some shuffle of exhibitors.

There were some new products at stands for a change, and I personally spent some money on some good bargain items. The show has potential to grow now, as the venue is huge and gives a great outdoor feeling. It was indeed a lot better than last year's show at Kyalami.



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We had an extremely busy month of June in the club. It started with educating our wives (who have now learnt a new expression that says "All men are a-holes"), on our roots by attending the DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN show at Monte Casino. What a hoot! Then we had a Saturday morning final Angola Trip briefing where after 2 convoys left the magnificent Halfway Honeydew Toyota Venue opposite the Dome, for two local 4x4 trips for the day.

These were the ever popular De Wildt 4x4 trail, and the new Thaba Nkwe 4x4 trail in the Hekpoort area. Great trails indeed and close to home.

On regular occasions during this year, across several trails, our convoys come across 4x4 groups drinking while driving on the De Wildt trail. The sooner trail owners take this aspect seriously and ensure that drivers or passengers stop this behaviour, the better. I know it is difficult for the trail owners, but we in the industry must collectively address this seriously.

Hopefully the new Norms & Standards will address this type of issue and root it out once and for all. What is it with certain people that if they go off road, bare feet, shirts off and a 'dop' seems to be standard protocol. Read more on the Norms and Standards feedback on <http://www.4x4offroadclub.co.za/articles.asp> under the NOW heading at the top of the page.

The long weekend was well utilised with 2 convoys going to Limpopo and Mpumalanga respectively. The Haenertsburg Limpopo Meander was an excellent discovery of wonderful mountain trails, eating venues, self-catering lodges and spectacular natural areas and waterfalls in the region.

The Sabie meander weekend covered the surrounding areas, as well as the ever popular Mac Mac 4x4 Routes. We finished off the month with our monthly Crane Monitoring duties for the EWT (any readers are welcome to join one of these outings, 1 x a month – we need all the cars we can get – 4x4 not required, and for 5 hours only). Finally, our long awaited Angola tour took off and have successfully crossed into Angola this morning.

Well lots to plan and do for the month, so see you out there soon. Enjoy yet another packed edition and please support our advertisers should you have the need or urge to travel!

***Yours in 4x4ing.***



**Alan Goodway (GP 1796)**  
*Editor (voluntary!)*

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## 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
July 2011 (TBA)	First Aid Level 1	Centurion
July 2011 (TBA – Enquire)	NEW DCC Driver Training against the Unit Standards	Gauteng – enquire via email
8-10 July 2011	4x4 Assessor Training (See details below)	Gauteng – enquire via email
30 July 2011	Snake Courses	Gauteng

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## **PART WEEKEND ASSESSOR COURSE FOR 4x4 TRAINERS / ASSESSORS – A MUST DO FOR YOU!!!!**

We offer a unique assessor training opportunity (in Gauteng), in that the facilitation of the programme is completely focused on incorporating the material of the 4x4 unit standard, into the processes looked at in the workshop. The 4x4 unit standard forms the basis of all explanations and examples, allowing for improved understanding as learners can mentally relate to the application of the material. Assistance is also provided with portfolio building, once again making use of the 4x4 unit standard as a guideline

SAQA U/S ID: 115 753  
TITLE: Conduct outcomes based assessments  
NQF LEVEL: 5  
CREDITS: 15  
DURATION: 3 days (Friday, Saturday & Sunday – including Portfolio Completion)

### **OUTCOMES:**

Learners credited with this unit standard will be able to:

- \* demonstrate understanding of outcomes-based assessment
- \* prepare for assessments
- \* conduct assessments
- \* provide feedback on assessments
- \* review assessments

### **COURSE CONTENT**

Module 1: Understanding Outcomes –based Education and Training  
Module 2: Understanding the National Qualifications Framework  
Module 3: Assessment (from types of assessment to methods and instruments used)  
Module 4: The assessment process  
Module 5: Assessor Competence  
Module 6: Recognition of Prior Learning

8, 9 & 10 July 2011. R3 850, Venue TBA, all inclusive. We will run a future 3 weekend course (1 Day Per Weekend) too....

**RSVP by:** email to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za)





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## **Roads to Roam Adventure Holidays**

We are Roaming! As you read this we'll be travelling from Khwai to Savute for the last leg of our Botswana trip before heading for Namibia via the Caprivi Strip. If you are interested to follow our travels, please join our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/roads.toroam>.

As usual in Africa cell phone reception is "few and far between" and we'll be out of touch for a while. We have recently acquired a satellite phone to use in case of an emergency on our tours; should you need you can contact us on +870776411391 between 7pm and 8pm (please keep in mind the cost to dial a satellite phone is approximately R30/minute!) Alternatively send a text message to our cell +27 83 22 631 22 and we'll return the call when we have cell phone reception.

Our tours for 2011 are listed below:

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 20 June – 20 July 2011: | Botswana and Namibia (Full)  |
| 5 – 9 August 2011:      | Botswana Tuli Block  |
| 26 Aug – 9 Sept 2011:   | Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park   |
| 9 – 18 Sept 2011:       | Richtersveld and Namaqualand   |
| 30 Sept - 8 Oct 2011:   | Botswana Okavango Delta  |
| 8-23 October 2011:      | Zimbabwe National Parks  |
| 6 – 9 October 2011:     | Kruger National Park Bush Camp (only 2 places left)                                  |
| 19 – 23 Oct 2011:       | Wilderness Birding Weekend, Garden Route, South Africa<br>( Sanparks Honary Rangers) |
| 26 – 30 Oct 2011:       | Otter Trail, Garden Route, South Africa (guided hike<br>– only 6 places left)        |
| 16 – 24 Dec 2011:       | Southern Mozambique  |
| 26 Dec to 8 Jan 2012:   | Transkei Wild Coast  |

Happy Roaming!

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

### **YOUR FUTURE 4x4 OFFROAD EXPERIENCE WILL BE REGULATED – READ MORE...**

As you may well know, the whole NOW Norms and Standards was published and there were public session held in Gauteng and Cape Town. This has caused a serious amount of unhappiness, uneasiness etc. I have loaded all the response document (we previously sent you the drafts for comment), on our web site – look at it if it interests you. It is the FAQ's, the minutes from CPT and from JHB, and the presentation given. Public comment (directly) is still allowed till 4 July 2011. See <http://www.4x4offroadclub.co.za/articles.asp> under the NOW heading at the top of the page. READ IT – IT WILL AFFECT YOU!!

### **TRACKS4AFRICA WORKING ON NEW AUTOMOTIVE NAVIGATION SOLUTION**

Tracks4Africa has announced cooperation with iGO My way Navigation and Planet Electronics on a new automotive navigation solution that will unveil a new era for in-vehicle navigation in Africa. Tracks4Africa, a community mapping company from South Africa, provides travellers in Africa with up-to-date maps for traversing the continent. Today Tracks4Africa announced their cooperation with NNG LLC, a leading navigation solution provider and developer of the iGO Navigation software range, which will see the integration of Tracks4Africa mapping data into the popular iGO My Way navigation software. iGO My way enables offline navigation on a wide variety of hardware solutions and platforms for the automotive, personal navigation and wireless industries.

The aim is to bring a leading content and navigation solution to users of the Caska aftermarket infotainment units which are distributed and supported by Planet Electronics, a distributor with a network all over Africa.

According to Johann Groenewald, managing director of Tracks4Africa, the use of Tracks4Africa maps in automotive navigation devices is a high priority for his company, and their cooperation with both iGO My way and Planet Electronics is the key to the success of this project. "We believe that NNG's iGO My way navigation software is leading in its class, and Planet Electronics is providing excellent products and services to local customers", says Groenewald.

"We are excited to further extend and update our Africa coverage. We believe that together with Tracks4Africa we'll be able to meet and exceed customer requirements for aftermarket units in even more African countries," says Péter Balogh, interim CEO at NNG LLC.

Implementation of the Tracks4Africa data for the iGO My way software is in progress. The launch of the new automotive product with Tracks4Africa content is planned for Q4 2011.

*For more information visit our web page or contact me direct. Also find attached a PDF version of this press release as well as images from the new iGo application with Tracks4Africa.*  
[http://tracks4africa.co.za/partners/media/press/T4A\\_iGo/](http://tracks4africa.co.za/partners/media/press/T4A_iGo/)

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## **EXCITING NEW KAOKOLAND BOOK LAUNCHED**

The Kaokoland is situated in the top left-hand corner of Namibia and is a barren mountain desert region that is alluring, yet utterly inhospitable, to all but the local population and extremely well-prepared travelers.

This 190 page full-colour guide to the Kaokoland is the most complete and comprehensive available at present, and contains all the information a prospective visitor needs to make informed choices when planning a tour through the area. It also contains useful information on the local population, the fauna and flora likely to be encountered in the area, the geology, places of interest, etc.

The author has personally driven, logged and described every road and track found in the area (3800km of them). Approximately 400 colour photographs have been used to illustrate the above.

The intention is that this will be the first book in a series, covering all the regions of Namibia.

The recommended retail price of the book is R299-00 and it is distributed by T4A and myself. Interested persons can contact me at [johans@iway.na](mailto:johans@iway.na)

Regards

Johan Snyman (Author)

## **NEW LESOTHO 4x4 TRAILS & LODGE VENUE TO STAY AT**

We have just created new 4x4 trails at Maliba Lodge, Lesotho! We have 5 trails that climb up into the mountains, over streams and through remote communities. Each route has been mapped with GPS co ordinates and are various lengths and levels of difficulty.

Detailed maps are supplied upon check in at the lodge. Let me know if you need more information

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## **LOOK OUT FOR MERCURY THIS SATURDAY EVENING**

Saturday 2nd, the very young Moon re-appears in our evening skies, near Mercury. Look for the very thin crescent Moon low in the west (where the Sun sets), as soon as it starts getting dark. Mercury is the bright(ish) star about three finger-widths above to the right of the Moon.

The Moon (and Mercury) will set in the west soon after sunset, so don't leave it too late . . . During July, Mercury will move a bit higher in the early evening sky, then turn and move back down to the west, fading through the month.

While you're out looking at the new Moon on Saturday and Sunday, look for "earthshine" - sunlight reflected from the Earth below the western horizon in front of you, onto the Moon, and then back to you. See the [Wikipedia entry on "planetshine"](#) for more on this.

**Jhb Planetarium holiday shows next week** \* Space Travel for 5-8yr olds - Wed 6th [9:30am]

\* Sky Tonight - Our Winter Skies - Tue 5th [2pm] & Wed 6th [11am]



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For more show details, see "shows" at [www.planetarium.co.za](http://www.planetarium.co.za). NOTE: **The Planetarium will be closed** over the weekend 15/16 July, as the University is upgrading campus power systems.

### **NEED A MECHANICAL SERVICE IN CENTURION (MITSUBISHI & TOYOTA OWNERS!!!)**

Many old Mitsubishi Customers from Centurion, and then of late from Midrand will remember the friendly service of Freek Blignaut, mechanic & service advisor. Well Freek and Freek Jnr have now started their own workshop for Mitsubishi's, Toyota's and any other makes of vehicles, right here in Centurion, just off Botha Avenue.

Pop in for friendly service, advise or just to say hi! The rates are good, and the service is great. *(I now have my Pajero serviced at MITSPRO! Ed.)*

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### **ZIMBABWE VEHICLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE 1 JULY**

Zimbabwe's new vehicle safety equipment regulations were reported in the media as coming into effect on 1st June. However, the gazetted Statutory Instrument SI 44 of 2011 amends the compliance date to 1st July 2011. From this date, all vehicles will be required to carry the following:

- Fire extinguisher: Mandatory (1kg light vehicles, 1.5kg heavy duty vehicles). To be SAZ approved – look for the logo.
- Warning triangles: 2 triangles mandatory. Not required to be SAZ approved but must meet the criteria specified in the SI
- Fluorescent safety jacket: Recommended, not mandatory (except for Mozambique travellers)

For more detailed information, contact Big Sky Supplies in Harare who are a Consul for the Automobile Association of Zimbabwe. E-mail: [bigsky@zol.co.zw](mailto:bigsky@zol.co.zw) Tel: +263 4 870827 or 851002 [www.wildzambezi.com](http://www.wildzambezi.com)

### **HOLGATE OFF TO WORLD'S NEWEST COUNTRY**

In 2010 - after a lifetime of travel - adventurer Kingsley Holgate, his family and Malaria Prevention Volunteers completed an All Africa odyssey to embrace every country on the continent - but, as Holgate explained: "Africa is not that easy and delights in throwing the occasional curve ball. "Here we are, back home after an incredible journey, only to find that after 30 years of war, Southern Sudan is about to secede from the North. Independence Day to celebrate the birth of the world's newest country is set for July 9 - and we'll be there.

"We're calling the expedition 'A Journey to Juba' and we'll be leaving from the United Against Malaria cultural festival at Lesedi on June 21, carrying a Scroll of Peace and Goodwill in Support of Malaria Prevention to our base camp, Nile River Explorers at Bujagali Falls, where the largest and most historic river in the world leaves Lake Victoria in Uganda.





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"From there the party will split, some taking a 600km Nile journey by inflatable boat to meet the Land Rover team in Juba, the capital of Southern Sudan, in time for the Independence Day celebrations and a United Against Malaria football day for children, where we'll hand out thousands of mosquito nets to pregnant mothers and children in war-torn Sudan."

The Journey to Juba expedition will also continue with its Rite to Sight campaign, distributing glasses to poor-sighted people in remote areas, in line with the motto "Using Adventure to Improve and Save Lives".

### **AND JUST LIKE LAST MONTH, ANOTHER TOYOTA STOLEN**

Dear All,

As some of you might know, my Bakkie (LDV), was stolen between 16:00 and 18:00 on Saturday, at Allen Glen High School in Allens Nek, Roodepoort. The details of the vehicle, as per enclosed photo, is as follows:

Toyota Hilux Raider D4D Double Cab 4X4, Silver Colour, Registration Number TGC 720 GP.

Kindly be on the lookout for the vehicle and if spotted, please contact me? Please take note that I will be out of the Country from Tuesday until the 14 July and shall be pleased if you could then contact Netstar on 0800112222?

I shall be pleased if you could circulate this e-mail to your network?

Kind Regards

Thinus Bosch

### **WE HAVE A PARTIAL SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM!!!!**

**The TOYOTA issue** - We have a solution for these targeted Toyota's. Just to let you know that this problem is not isolated to Fortuner, the same happens with Hilux and LandCruiser. We make a simple little riveted on light guard to protect against this sort of break in.



This can be posted and affixed by the most simplest method. Delay the break in!!! Send an email to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za) for further details and pricing.

### **GERMAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY NOW AT SAFARI CENTRE.**

Safari Centre was chosen to be the sole distributor of the German company Seikel 4x4 Technik's high quality vehicle accessory products in Southern Africa .

Seikel 4x4 Technik's products are approved by Volkswagen Germany for fitments to the Amarok, Touareg, Tiguan, T5 Transporter en VW Caddy. The distribution and fitment of these accessories by Safari Centre in South Africa are supported by Volkswagen South Africa . Unique to the fitment by Safari Centre of the Seikel accessories to Volkswagen vehicles is the fact that

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this is backed by VW Germany who issued a "Letter of No Objection" (LONO) in this regard. This means that the owner of the vehicle's 3 year factory warranty is in not affected by such a fitment in any way, and remains intact.

Safari Centre is off course very proud of this honour done to us, and the trust put into our workshops by this expert German vehicle accessory company and Volkswagen.

For further information on the products offered in the Seikel 4x4 Technik range visit [www.safaricentre.co.za](http://www.safaricentre.co.za) or [www.seikel.de](http://www.seikel.de) on the Seikel website there is a link to click for English.

## **RANCHO PREMIUM ULTRA HEAVY DUTY OFF-ROAD SHOCKS**

Tenneco South Africa, manufacturers of Monroe shock absorbers have recently launched their internationally acclaimed premium off-road *RANCHO* shock absorbers in South Africa.

Made in the California USA these *Rancho* systems are designed for the serious off-road enthusiast. All shock absorbers are nitrogen gas charged and have Duracrush polyurethane bushings. The shock range stocked and sold in RSA is the flagship RS9000XL range:

- **RS9000XL** Tri-tube, cellular gas design with VFC (Variable Force Control) for precise flow metering, and have a NINE stage setting , adjustable outside the shock on the vehicle, or by using the award winning *Rancho MyRide* wireless remote control system, may be adjusted on the move from the vehicle cab. Outer tube diameter now up to 69.85mm for increased cooling, with piston rod diameter of up to 18mm for increased strength.
- The *Rancho Pro-Series* range with remote oil reservoir and variable coil-over dual springs is now also available as a special order for improved performance for those involved in off-road events.

Also available as special orders are matched spring kits offering different and increased ride heights, steering stabilizers, torque arm traction systems, kicker shocks, Add-A-Leaf and Lev-A-Load leaf spring systems, skid plates, multiple shock kits, Duracrush polyurethane bushings, shock boots and bump stops. These kits are mainly for American manufactured vehicles.

The Rancho shock setting selected is subjective and dependent on what the driver's preferences are, what he is using the vehicle for, and the terrain the driver is in. The setting adjustment is made by rotating a knob located on the exterior of the Rancho RS9000XL shock, from setting one (softest) to setting 9 (hardest). Settings 1 to 3 are similar to the original manufacturers shock settings. Settings 4 to 6 are similar to the Monroe Gas-Magnum settings, and settings 7 to 9 are for maximum control. Making use of the settings from 1 to 5 gives great on / off road flexibility, while settings 5 to 9 give high on-road performance and towing / loading flexibility. Adding the award winning wireless remote RS999705 Rancho MyRide system gives the ability to adjust the shocks settings from inside the vehicle cab while on the move. The MyRide unit comes with four pre-set settings as well as the "MyRide" custom setting where you can set the shocks however you wish. The pre-set settings are: (a) Highway = front 6 & rear 3 (b) Sport = front 8 & rear 6, (c) Load / Tow = front 6 & rear 8, (d) Off-road = front 4 & rear 4.

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Backed by Tenneco SA for peace of mind, these systems have a **THREE YEAR unlimited** km warranty against manufacturing defect - excluding competition use. More information is available on the [www.gorancho.com](http://www.gorancho.com).

*(PS. The warranty period of THREE YEARS, UNLIMITED KM, is the longest in RSA for this type of shock!)*

## **PHALABORWA & KRUGER ADVENTURES – DEALS FOR SPORTSMAN, FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES WHO LOVE WILDLIFE.**

This is an invitation from Phalaborwa Adventures to bikers, hikers, cyclist, off road enthusiasts, families or business associates to come and enjoy a weekend or a few days of adventure and wildlife in Phalaborwa and Kruger National Park. We offer exciting packages & specials.

Please view our website - [www.phbadventures.co.za](http://www.phbadventures.co.za)

### Activities

Phalaborwa Adventures provide safaris and activities in Kruger National Park, Phalaborwa and surrounding areas. Activities like morning, afternoon, half day or full day drives in Kruger National Park. Morning or afternoon walks, Morning Cycle trail (20km), Boat cruises, bush braai and off-road eco trails. Also 2 - 4 days in the park with an option for camping or chalet accommodation.

Safe accommodation and parking at lodges in Phalaborwa or surrounding area. You will be collected at your lodge in an open 4x4 safari vehicle for safaris and activities.

### Affordable Accommodation

There are numerous lodges in Phalaborwa ranging from 3 to 5 stars at affordable rates. Phalaborwa Adventures will recommend or book accommodation to suit your needs.

### Nice weather

Phalaborwa is known for its hot summers and relatively warm winters. Temperatures range from 13°C in the morning to 25°C in the afternoon.

### Circle route

This is a trip of approximately 500km from Pretoria to Phalaborwa. From Pretoria, Dullstroom, Lydenburg via Abel Erasmus pass to Phalaborwa and then back via Gravelotte, Tzaneen, Magoebaskloof pass, Polokwane and the N1 to Pretoria. There are daily flights by Airlink from OR Tambo to Phalaborwa Airport.

### Opportunity

This is an ideal opportunity to break away from the cold and enjoy an affordable weekend with your favourite pass time and combine it with a game viewing experience in Kruger National Park and Phalaborwa. Phalaborwa Adventures will plan all your activities according to your liking and make sure you enjoy an exciting weekend.

Best Regards

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## AMAROK SINGLE CAB LOADS UP IN SA

July 1 2011 - By Jason Woosey

Farmers, plumbers, bakers and friends, listen up - Volkswagen has just launched the single cab version of its formidable new Amarok in South Africa and with our country being the biggest single cab market in the world, we're also the first to get it.

While the double cab versions of the Amarok have already been selling up a storm since introduction last September, the single cabs add much needed meat to the range and allow the bakkie to classify itself as a true workhorse.

On that note, an enticing fact is that it's actually a bit more than a one-tonner, the single cab Amarok offering a class-leading payload of between 1225 and 1354kg, depending on model. It's also very generous in the load space department, being the only vehicle in its class that can swallow two Euro pallets in a crosswise configuration, while it also has the largest loadbox area in its category (3.57m<sup>2</sup>) and widest loadbox, at 1620mm.

Front suspension is an independent McPherson strut system with upper and lower transverse links and there's a solid axle at the rear with heavy-duty leaf springs. Even the towing capacity is in another league, with its braked trailer weight of 2800kg being almost double that of rivals, says VW. A key fundamental in this regard is the two modern 2-litre direct injection turbodiesel engines that power the single cab range. As per the double cab, buyers can choose between a single-turbo 90kW version with 340Nm of twist available and a far brawnier 120kW bi-turbo derivative that puts out 400Nm.

Fuel economy is also said to be best in class, officially rated at 7.6 litres per 100km on the 90kW engine and 7.9 l/100km on the 120kW, translating to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 199g/km and 208g/km respectively. VW will also be offering a 2.0 TSI direct injection turbopetrol engine in the last quarter of this year, the engine putting out 118kW over a broad engine speed range and 300Nm. All models, whether petrol or diesel, are mated to a six-speed manual gearbox, which has an overdrive top ratio for economical cruising.

The six-strong range of diesel single cabs offers the choice of either 'Basic' (workhorse) or 'Trendline' (semi-luxury) trim levels with 4 Motion four-wheel drive available on three of the models. This system features a two-speed transfer case (high and low ratios) driving through a rigid 4X4 system with no centre differential.

Regardless of the spec you choose, you won't be slumming it when it comes to space, with a cabin designed to offer ample legroom to even the tallest of drivers. Adding to the comfort factor is a steering wheel that can be adjusted for both height and reach and there's even a decent space behind the seats for stowing items.

As the name implies, 'Basic' models only come with the bare essentials like power steering, height adjustable seats, 'Spacer' fabric upholstery, rubber load bay covering and 16-inch steel wheels.

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The Trendline adds 16-inch alloys, rear diff lock, colour coded front bumper and chrome grille accents, while the cabin adds air conditioning, remote central locking, electric windows and mirrors, an audio system, on-board computer, cruise control and a steering wheel, gearknob and handbrake lever finished in leather.

On the safety front, features include Off-road ABS and TCS traction control as standard on all models, as is a driver's airbag, with the passenger bag being optional on the Basic and standard on the Trendline. All versions also get a standard electronic diff lock (EDL), which improves traction on slippery surfaces, and Anti Slip Regulation to stop the driving wheels from spinning on loose ground.

ESP (electronic stability programme) is optional, and this option also brings other features to the party, like Hill Start Assist, Hill Descent Control and a trailer stabilisation system.

### **THE MANA POOLS – JESSE ROAD REHAB PROJECT April 2011**

The 4x4 Club was asked by the Zambezi Society, in collaboration with National Parks, to assist in clearing an undrivable road within the Mana Pools National Park area. Known as the Middle Jesse Road, from Mana Pools to Chikwenya, it had become undrivable, no more than an elephant track.

National Parks are very keen that this road is drivable again as it will facilitate their anti -poaching patrols and will reopen a much needed tourist route. This was done over the weekend of the 15th to 18th April. We were expecting about 21 club members to participate but due to illness, etc. we ended with 14 and this was perfect. Most sincere thanks to all for their efforts in clearing the road. I think we did an admiral job and only hope Parks think so too.

- To Allan Sheers - In your small SWB Landy thank you for being the Tote Master. Every time something had to be carried you were there to do it. From the bread rolls to the Rangers.
- To Muzza, Alan G, Margie and your team - Your energy, your enthusiasm and the use of the chain saws will be long remembered.
- To Dick and Sally Pitman - Thank you for all your organisation with Parks.
- To Michael and Roger - for all the stumping, chain saw cutting and Mr Clip Clipping.
- And Pat in the Chuck Wagon for providing food and keeping us fed along the way.

It was fun, we all worked hard, and we certainly enjoyed the weekend and the camaraderie within the teams. We cleared the road from the Airstrip to the Sapi River, about 25 kms in 40 C heat. There was a lot of very fresh ellidence (evidence of elephants) but the noise of chain saws, etc. kept them at bay. It was hard work and everyone worked like slaves. Chain saws and clippers were the order of the day. The river crossings were the hardest to repair, they were in a bad state, the banks had to be cut and filled in. We had two armed Park Rangers with us and they worked as hard as the rest of us. They were great.

It was such an accomplishment and sitting in the Sapi River bed eating our Sunday lunch made it all feel complete. Joy of joys, we had a pack of 7 Wild Dogs within earshot of our camp and could hear them chattering away all night. They had taken up residence on the road and were not at all bothered by our cars. They have probably not seen any cars or people on that road in the last 5 years and were completely unafraid.





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We only hope Parks appreciate all our hard work and encourage people to use the road. It is the only way to keep it open.

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## **BIRTHDAY COMPETITION – 4x4 OFFROAD ADVENTURE CLUB (GAUTENG)**

A BIG THANK YOU to Kariba Equipment from Cape Town, leaders in camping gas solutions, for coming to the party in celebrating our club's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of existence in Gauteng. They have donated a stunning prize to be won by club members / new members / guests attending the function (yes, you are supposed to intro new potential members that evening too!), but a few rules apply...

TO ENTER & QUALIFY:

1. Create an email
2. Enter the following email address – [karibaequipment@telkomsa.net](mailto:karibaequipment@telkomsa.net)
3. Then open your web browser, and enter the following web site - [www.karibaproducts.co.za](http://www.karibaproducts.co.za). Review the "Backpacker" page.
4. Name three relevant features of the Backpacker's features as per the points below:
  - Feature 1 –
  - Feature 2 -
  - Feature 3 –
5. Now capture these in this email and send to the email address captured.
6. The Kariba Equipment accountant will do a hat draw 2 days before 25 July 2011 and the first correct entry will be sent to me
7. The winner will be announced at the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club (Gauteng)'s 10 Year Anniversary New Members Cheese & Wine Function in July 2011. The winner (if not a member and in attendance) will be notified via email Only one email entry per email address mailed will be eligible for the hat draw.
8. ALL NEWSLETTER READERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND IN THEIR ENTRY!

The winner will then receive a Kariba Combo **Backpacker Off-Road Kit** of their choice (either a TEC Plus or GS Trail model).

## **THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) HAS REVISED THE YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AFRICA**

As has been common for Kenya and Tanzania for many years, the South African Department of Health has decided Zambian travellers will also require a yellow fever vaccination certificate. Previously, this was not required.

**Please be urgently advised that all travel between South Africa and Zambia (both directions) with effect from 1st July 2011 will be required to have a yellow fever**



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**vaccination certificate. This is due to the World Health Organizations recent revision of the Yellow Fever recommendations for Africa.**

**NOTE: A yellow fever vaccination needs to be done no less than 10 days prior to travelling.**

Please also be aware that all transit passengers between the two destinations, irrespective of the time period in transit, will also require proof of yellow fever vaccination. If travelling between Europe and Zambia and not passing through South Africa, it will not be required to have a Yellow Fever certificate.

The list countries for which a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required for entry into South Africa are as below:

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia.

### **CAPE TOWN NAMED TOP TOURIST DESTINATION IN THE WORLD**

Cape Town, the picturesque, legislative capital of South Africa has been named the top tourist destination in the world at the 2011 Travelers' Choice Destinations awards. Cape Town outdid Sydney, Machu Picchu, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, New York, Rome, London, Barcelona and Hong Kong to win the top spot.

### **PRESSURE ON SOSSUSVLEI**

Recent comments in a local newspaper, by Ben Beytell, Director of Parks and Wildlife Management, are worth thinking about. He pointed out that Sossusvlei is receiving too many visitors at present.

There are two parts to the problem: physical infrastructure and the natural environment.

Physical infrastructure consists of roads, lodges, water infrastructure and park facilities. The high number of tourists is causing wear on roads as well as park facilities. This is a cost. Lodges are a problem as well. Ben Beytell says there are more than 60 lodges in the area. Although not mentioned by Beytell, water to lodges in the Namib has been a talking point for the industry for a long time.

Damage to the natural environment might include damage to the plant life and smaller creatures in particular, especially on the gravel plains surrounding Sossusvlei. Overuse of water by travellers can also have a massive impact on the environment.

Measures might include fewer visitors, restricting new lodges, restricting water use and increasing the cost of entry with higher levies. It could be a combination of some or all of the above. It does not seem to be a case of 'if', but 'when'. In the past, the number of visitors to Sossusvlei was restricted. This is likely to be the case again, if Sossusvlei is to be preserved. Note that limiting





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the number of visitors to a highly valued or environmentally sensitive national attraction is not unusual in many countries.

For now the logical path for the industry seems to be marketing Sossusvlei as a special destination. This will prepare the market for restrictions and higher costs. It is also a good time to begin developing and marketing other attractions in the Namib.

Tour Brief Newsletter – Namibia

### **LOOKING FOR ACCOMODATION IN CENTURION?**

Good day to all our adventurers and friends.

It has recently come to my attention (thanks David and Adelle) that many of you might not know that we also have a Guest House in Centurion. If the need ever presents itself, please contact us for your enquiries. Also please visit [www.africahouseaccommodation.co.za](http://www.africahouseaccommodation.co.za) for more details.

Andre van Vuuren – Explore Africa

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Please **visit our website** for more information - <http://www.tfpd.co.za/>

Book your next holiday now even if you travel in 2012!!

**The Shingwedzi 4x4 Trail (5 nights)** is normally R6150 per vehicle – **Show special is R4900 per vehicle.** Subject to availability, our scheduled departure is on a Sunday morning. This trail is for 5 nights and 6 days, max 4 people per vehicle with a minimum of 3 vehicles on this trail.

#### **Recently Launched 4x4 Trails:**

**Letaba 4x4 Eco-Trail (2 nights)** normally R2500 per vehicle – **Show special is R1950 per vehicle.** Enjoy three days & two nights in the Letaba Ranch sector of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park - famed for sightings of elephant and buffalo. The border with Kruger is unfenced. The route passes waterholes & camping is in the wilderness on the banks of the Baderoukwe and Letaba Rivers.

**Luvuvhu 4x4 Eco-Trail (4 nights)** normally R4900 per vehicle – **Show special is R3900 per vehicle.** Travel from Phalaborwa to Pafuri, through the Letaba Ranch and Makuya Park sectors of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. Four nights and five days of camping along river beds, enjoying 4X4 adventures over a wide range of topographies and experiencing a good variety of animal and birdlife.

**Great Limpopo 4X4 Eco-Trail (9 nights)** normally R9550 per vehicle – **Show Special is R7995 per vehicle.** Combine the Luvuvhu and Shingwedzi Trails into one magnificent trip. See and experience the full spectrum of topographies, wildlife, birdlife and wilderness that makes up the northern half of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park.

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*The 4 Trails above are rated 4 in wet weather & 3 in dry weather.*

**Ntomeni "Soft Road" 4X4 Eco-Trail (1 night)** normally R1600 per vehicle (2pax) – **Show Special is R1400 per vehicle** (2pax) add R500 for people 3 and 4. Designed specifically for "soft road" 4X4 vehicles. Depart from Phalaborwa and enter the Letaba Ranch sector of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. Explore secluded areas and back roads of this part of the park. Overnight at Ntomeni Camp in safari tents - all camping equipment is provided. A barbecue based dinner and continental breakfast is included.

**The Lebombo Hiking Trail** is normally R3900 per person per trail. **Show special is R2700 per person.** Subject to availability, this is a fully catered and portered trail for 3 nights and 4 days. Minimum 4 people on this trail.

**The Rio Elefantes Canoe Trail** is normally R4500 per person per trail. **Show special is R3500 per person** per trail. Subject to availability, this is a fully catered and portered trail for 3 nights and 4 days. Minimum 4 people on this trail.

**Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge, Drakensberg**, is offering a midweek \*\* Show special of 3 nights for the price of 2 nights\*\* per person, Bed and Breakfast.

**Covane Fishing & Safari Lodge** - normally R1200 per boat per night. **Show special is R950 per boat per night**, sleeps 4 people. Subject to availability, self catering, excluding petrol costs.

**Machampane Wilderness Camp** is normally R2100 per person per night fully catered and all activities. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast special at R950 per person per night – optionally, pay for extra walks or **Show special for R1500 per person per night** (all meals and activities included).

**!Xaus Lodge** normal rate is R2850 per person per night, including all meals and activities. **Show special is R1995 per person sharing** including all meals and activities.

**Please contact me to book or if you have any further questions.** Its never too late! – plan ahead and make use of this special offer. Look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards

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**Zambia : Explorer Tour (19 nights)**  
**Tour Dates: 11 - 30 July 2011**

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For further details on these and other tours, e-mail us at [info@navigator4wd.co.za](mailto:info@navigator4wd.co.za). Alternatively, contact Karen at our office on **landline: +27 (0) 21 689 1825** or contact Chris on his **cell: +27 (0) 83 675 3484**.

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## ***Hit the Trail ... / ... continues***

### **4x4 SAFARI (FAMILY WEEKEND / TREASURE HUNT – MPUMALANGA DISTRICT**

Come and enjoy the first weekend in October (school holiday from 1-9/10/2011) at Buffalo Gorge with your family. We offer:

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Children are also welcome; Buffalo Gorge has a fun park with a swing, slide, see-saw, and sandpit. There will be a jumping castle on the 1st and 2nd of October available as well. Buffalo Gorge offer a 4x4 Adventure weekend during the first weekend in October (**1 & 2 October**), there will be different competitions and **BIG** prizes to be won. Visit [www.hhashi.co.za](http://www.hhashi.co.za) for more information.

This is a preliminary program, the program will be updated on the 15th of August 2011, please visit the website for the updated program. This document is also available on my website under "headlines". Stimulate all your senses at Buffalo Gorge.

*We combine people, nature and eco-adventure. Adventure and nature has amazing strength and power. In a mysterious way it touches **body, mind & soul**. We undertake to make your visit a magnificent experience.*

The venue is malaria free. Contact Ryk Diepraam. Details on website.

### **SWAZILAND REGULARITY RAID 2011**

Dear all

Just a heads up on the status of the Swazi Reg Raid. After the National AGM it was decided to move the Reg Raid to 7 and 8 August 2011. The June date clashed with the Botswana Toyota Dessert Race. I hope to send the entry forms out with in the next 2 weeks or so.

Regards Gert - Swaziland 4x4 Club

### **TOP GEAR CAN'T DESTROY SA'S MARAUDER**

Perhaps it's got something to do with our die-hard South African spirit, but our little corner of paradise is renowned for producing some of the toughest armoured vehicles in the world. So much so that even BBC Top Gear has given up on easy targets like caravans to challenge the toughness of a locally-made armoured vehicle, the Paramount Marauder to be specific.

In the episode, which forms part of the 17th season, 350 million viewers around the globe will see Richard Hammond flattening cars and smashing through brick walls in Jo'burg, and generally causing mayhem (in so typical Top Gear style) in the concrete jungle, before feeding the vehicle to hungry lions in the bush.

That's the easy stuff - the final challenge sees the Marauder being parked next to a Hummer, with both blown up in explosions simulating the roadside bombs that are common in conflict zones. Needless to say, the Hummer gets destroyed, while the Marauder was barely damaged and managed to drive into the sunset. Paramount Group executive chairman Ivor Ichikowitz describes it as one of the toughest vehicles in the world: "We challenged Richard Hammond to throw anything he wanted at it and Marauder withstood it all."

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According to the company, the Marauder offers outstanding protection against mines, IEDs and ballistic attack - it can survive explosions of 14kg of TNT under its wheels and 7kg under its hull. Even the tyres continue rolling for 50km after being hit by 12.7mm bullet rounds.

Crossing rivers is also a breeze with a wading depth of half the vehicle and despite weighing around 15t, it's no slouch on land either with a top speed of 120km/h.

## **SUNPATH SAFARIS - MANA POOLS, ZAMBEZI RIVER**

We have some dates available at our tented camps in Mana Pools and Chitake during 'prime-time' September and October. We also run canoe safaris down the Zambezi River - from Chirundu - Mana, Mana Shoreline, Mana - Chewore

Please contact me at the email address below if you would like any further information.

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## **OUR ROLE IN THE CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF SPECIES**

*Dr Clifford Nxomani, Managing Director, National Zoological Gardens of South Africa*

On a daily basis we are exposed to a plethora of articles highlighting the rhino poaching scourge. In 2010 South Africa lost more than 300 rhinos to poachers. Approximately 90% of the world's rhino population is found in South Africa. The latest figures issued by SANParks indicate that 173 rhino have been killed so far this year, of which 70% were killed in the Kruger National Park.

Fortunately all is not lost. The various initiatives implemented by SANParks appear to be having the desired effect of slowing down the senseless killing of this species. However, it would seem as if private owners are increasingly being targeted for their rhino. The costs associated with the protection of the rhino, linked to the losses suffered due to the poaching of breeding stock, are making it increasingly difficult for some of the private owners to safeguard their animals.

A collaborative approach for the safeguarding of the species is needed. National conservation agencies, non-profit organisations, private landowners and the public are required to form a united front with the single goal of ensuring the survival of the species. There is not just a single intervention that has the potential of stopping the poaching. Ensuring the survival of the species requires of all to use a multifaceted approach, but these interventions require sanction and implementation by all the relevant role-players to guarantee their success.

The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa (NZG) will continue to play its part in the conservation of the species by supporting the various conservation agencies and interested parties. This is achieved through the rendering of scientific services such as the genetic analysis of populations, the provision of forensic services that support the various law enforcement agencies and the safeguarding of its own population.

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## **PAAZAB conference**

On a more personal note, the NZG recently hosted the conference and annual general meeting of the African Association of Zoos and Aquarias (PAAZAB). The conference focused on zoos and aquaria as informal learning environments. The event was supported by the National Research Foundation's various funding programmes as well by the South Africa Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA).

The attendees were able to interact with leading industry players as well as academic experts in the field of informal learning. The NZG was also able to sponsor the participation of a number of delegates from smaller South African and African zoos. The conference also allowed various students the opportunity of learning more about the informal learning environment.

During the gala dinner various zoo professionals were acknowledged for their contribution to the industry, but I would like to highlight four of the top achievers - Drs Mark Penning and David Jones, Annie Beckhelling and our very own Professor Antoinette Kotze. I would like to express my congratulations to them as well as the various other colleagues that were recognised during the evening.

## **Continued survival of species**

Zoos and Aquaria have a major role to play in the conservation of species and this is achieved through the commitment and dedication of all the staff members of the various organisations. The conservation of critically endangered species is dependent on the work of the various industry professionals as highlighted by the achievements of Mark, David, Annie and Antoinette.

Once again congratulations to all and may zoos and aquaria continue to do their part in ensuring the continued survival of species for generations to come.

*The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa is a proud facility of the National Research Foundation*

## **SORRY BUT LANDY'S SES ARE ALL GONE**

June 30 2011 By Jesse Adams

When Land Rover South Africa introduces blinged-up Defender models with special edition trimmings, they literally fly off showroom floors like spot-welded aluminium and knobby-tyred hotcakes. When it brought out a blackened 60th anniversary SVX edition a couple of years ago, customers hardly had the chance to snap one up before all were accounted for by Landy fans. And again, this LE (Limited Edition) version, of which only sixty were imported, are all sold.

This Defender LE comes in either Zermatt Silver or Nara Bronze, with special Ebony or Ebony/Almond interiors, but the most noticeable additions are that of black exterior add-ons and a set of hugely lugged Goodyear tyres.

It got a special SVX grille with black headlight surrounds, roof and wheel arches, chequer plate bumper tops, a unique set of black "Saw Tooth" mags and a special Defender decal.

Mechanically the Defender LE is identical to all other 2.4-litre turbodiesel models with 90kW and 360Nm, but the limited-edition bits and pieces as well as the chance to own one of just 60 units, comes at a premium or R33 000 (R439 995) over a normal Defender 110 SUV. All Defender LEs are already sold but Land Rover SA is hoping to import another batch next year. -Star Motoring

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## **Hp LUBES CASTROL JAMBOREE – Harare 28/29<sup>th</sup> May**

A big thanks to Mark Benzon and his many helpers in making this the biggest Jamboree we have had. It was different, ran well, drew a big crowd and we even managed to get 2 South African entries with a goody bag of prizes.. As a result of a very active JCB digger being let loose on the 4x4 courses we had a lot of very radical, difficult tests to drive. For those who do not know, drivers have to negotiate holes, tight corners and steep hills without touching the markers or getting stuck.

We also had one test of "English Rules". Here you do the same as other tests except you are not allowed to stop anywhere. There were 10 gates and gate 7 was the best most could do. Possibly just too tight, which was a pity, many of us would have loved to drive the whole course. The crowd was good and with the Commercial Stands brought into the spectator area the place seemed fuller than ever before.

As you can imagine this event is a major source of funds for our Club and we know we have done quite well this year. What was also fun and profitable was Alex Hawkins, after prize giving, who charged anyone for any fault over the weekend. Your Editor was fined for being "too old". Alex was then fined 20%; \$50, for all the money he had collected.

The \$355 has been delivered to SOAP Charity (Save our Old Age Pensioners) for which they were extremely thankful.

Regards

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## **GO ON AN EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI WITH THE BEST!!!!**

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## **EWTALK AND DINNER AT COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG (AUCKLAND PARK)**

12 July 2011 - Painting the Map Red - Cheetah Conservation in South Africa  
Presented by Kelly Marnewick

Conservation of large ranging carnivores, like Cheetahs requires a creative approach to conservation. Cheetahs do not recognize political international boundaries and this means that our conservation planning also needs to break down boundaries.

A regional planning process has been done to better identify Cheetah range area in southern Africa and map how all these areas link up. Join us on the 12 July for an exclusive conservation talk which will address how South Africa is contributing to the regional strategy for Cheetah conservation. This will include the EWT's research on Cheetahs outside protected areas, a long term tourist photographic survey the Kruger National Park (we will present the latest results for the very first time) and our work with Cheetahs relocated into smaller fenced protected areas.



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Kelly is the manager of the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Programme where she has had the opportunity to work with Cheetahs, Wild Dogs, Leopards and other exciting carnivores. Kelly started her career with a BSc in Zoology and Botany at the University of Johannesburg followed by a Masters in Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria and is currently working towards a PhD. Please join us for this exciting talk where Kelly will share with you her extensive knowledge in the conservation of Cheetahs and the EWT's involvement in ground breaking conservation.

The EWT looks forward to seeing you all for another wonderful winter evening at the Country Club Johannesburg

Non-members – R75 per talk  
Members – R50 for talk  
Dinner – R115

Non-members - Talk only R75 or Talk + Dinner R190  
EWT/CCJ members – Talk only R50 or Talk and Dinner R165

Please note: Dinner reservations need to be booked and paid for by 4pm Monday 11 July.  
Country Club Johannesburg, 1 Napier Road, Auckland Park  
Tuesday 12 July 2011  
18h30 for 19h00

RSVP to [nicolav@ewt.org.za](mailto:nicolav@ewt.org.za) or Nicola Vogel on 011 486 1102  
CCJ Members to please RSVP to Cathy Robertson on 011 710 6462 or [cathyr@ccj.co.za](mailto:cathyr@ccj.co.za)

### **TWO POACHERS ARRESTED IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Two rhino poachers were arrested in the Kruger National Park (KNP) by a combined SANParks, SANDF and SAPS operation on Friday the 3rd June, 2011, shortly after 2 white rhino were shot and killed and their horns removed in the Nwanetsi area of the KNP. During the incident one of the suspected poachers was shot and wounded and is currently receiving medical attention in hospital. Two firearms, an AK47 and a .375 heavy calibre hunting rifle, as well as 3 rhino horns, were recovered in the operation.

This incident comes shortly after the successful prosecution of two rhino poachers, Frans Makamu and Solomon Mabuza who were arrested in separate incidents in 2010 for rhino poaching activities in the Kruger National Park (KNP). Both were found guilty for illegal hunting of rhino, possession of illegal firearms and ammunitions on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

This year alone a total of 122 suspected poachers have been arrested around the country, of which 60 of them were arrested in the KNP. Since January this year, throughout the country, 20 suspected poachers have been killed and 10 injured in clashes with authorities. Of this figure, 15 suspected poachers have died and nine wounded during contacts with rangers and soldiers in the KNP alone.

To date 173 rhinos have been poached throughout the country, of which 120 were poached in the KNP.



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Bhejane 4X4 Adventures conducts guided self drive 4X4 trails into the remote areas of Southern Africa. Our objective is to involve everyone in the ecological, historical, cultural, and ornithological components of the areas we visit.

Depending on the destination, adventure tourism activities are integrated into the tour and include walking trails, photography, game tracking, bird watching, fishing, diving and boating excursions.

The tour dynamics allow you and your family to enjoy the trip from the privacy of your own vehicle, while ensuring your safety and comfort in the camaraderie of group participation.

All vehicles are issued with hand-held radios to facilitate communication between participants and expeditions are fully catered by a professional chef. The team's language skills enable us to share our knowledge in English, Afrikaans, Zulu or Tswana.

### The team

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

Three meals a day are prepared by our experienced chef with fresh salads, potjiekos, braais and many other surprises appearing on the menu. We provide all the tents, tables, cutlery and crockery and our logistics crew will pitch and take down the camps at all the overnight stops we visit.

Though our bush-camps may be rustic, you will at all times be safe; the crew will spare no effort to make you comfortable, provide you with good wholesome food and, most importantly, see that you have a good time.

### All the prices quoted include

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- All camp fees
- Three meals a day
- All park entrance fees
- All advertised activities
- Bhejane Adventures provides tents, cutlery and crockery
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## ***From the Tracks – Reader Feedback***

### NEWSLETTER / MEETING FEEDBACK

Hi Alan,

Many thanks for another packed newsletter. Always good to receive your news.

Regards,  
Craig Chittenden

*Good morning Alan*

*Thank you so much for the stunning e-zine, in which you so prominently advertised our Assessors Course for 8 - 10 July 2011. I had a good chuckle reading the Woolies story. Priceless.*

*Kind regards  
Ariane*

Hi Alan

I would like to subscribe to your E-Zine. Saw one at a friend. Very good!!!

Thanks  
Andre Louw

Cheers...thanks for a great e-zine!

Brad

*Thanks Alan,*

*I enjoy the read every month. Can't wait to hear of all the trips and stories. We had a trip on the weekend of 4 and 5 June to the 3 Province route close to Volksrust. Unfortunately I couldn't join in the fun, had to work. We will do it in the near future again, just for a weekend break. Will keep you posted with photos when we're done.*

*Regards*

*Claas Prinsloo*

***(Thanks Claas – Readers, send us your stories - -text only. Will gladly publish for all to read. Ed)***

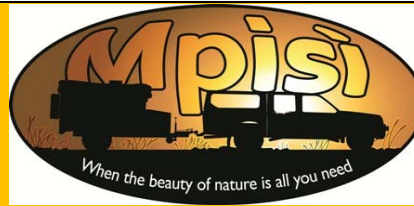
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### **MPISI BUSH SAFARIS**

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We also offer 4x4 & Offroad Driver Training. We are Accredited Offroad Driver Instructors accredited in accordance with the Unit Standards 254135 & 254154 in association with African Off-Road Academy. Training covers the handling and use of your vehicle offroad and in eco sensitive areas in order to keep yourself and your vehicle safe with the minimum impact on the environment.

For those who can get away for longer trips, we offer offroad trips to all corners of South Africa, discovering parts of our beautiful country, off the beaten track. To travel the gravel and off the beaten track avoiding all highways and national routes, stopping at each little town on the way, explore our country's history, its people and places as well as adventure into the surrounding bush.

Trips are also made to Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and other countries within the SADEC region.

### **Contact us & visit our website for further information:**

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### **UPCOMING TRIPS:**

4-5 June 2011

4x4 Offroad Basic Driver Training (US254135) accredited

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## ***Emergency Break!***

### **DON'T LET YOUR SUNGLASSES GO INTO HIBERNATION**

Most people know how to protect their eyes from the sun during summer. However, eyes need to be protected during the winter months, too. When it comes to winter, people will spare no efforts to protect their skin from being dry, but few people have taken eye protection into serious consideration.

According to experts, our eyes become drier in winter than in any other season, due to the drier air outdoors, as well as heating indoors, which often makes the eyes feel uncomfortable. In winter, we may experience less heat from the sun, but we are still exposed to damaging ultraviolet rays, which can cause vision disorders such as cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

Categorized as either UVA or UVB, these invisible ultraviolet light rays from the sun can cause serious damage to your eyes and lead to the development of cataracts, macular degeneration, or permanent retinal impairment. In a word, ultraviolet = bad. Sunglasses with a 100% UV protection rating will safeguard your eyes against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember, UV rays penetrate even on cloudy days!

As well as shielding our eyes from the harmful rays of the sun, sunglasses reduce exposure to the wind and cold, which both contribute to our eyes feeling dry and uncomfortable. For people who enjoy outdoor sports in winter, polarized lenses are recommended, as these help to minimize the glare of the sun.

And don't forget the kids. Even though children look adorable and make us smile when they put on a pair of cute, child-sized sunglasses, their eyes actually need protection the same as everyone else's.

Use a humidifier in the home during the dry winter months. This will help moisturize the eyes, particularly when they have been exposed to heating for long periods of time. This is especially applicable to people who work in heated offices. People who wear contact lenses are advised to limit outdoor exposure which dries the eyes, and to use an eye moisture liquid frequently. Soft contact lenses require lots of moisture, and can become uncomfortable during the dry winter season.

Apart from the effects of winter weather on the eyes themselves, the skin around the eyes may become dry and irritated. Without the protection of sunglasses, we squint into the winter sunlight, causing wrinkles around the eyes. So, don't let your sunglasses go into hibernation – they are a must 365 days of the year!

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

**Masazane Expeditions** prefers family orientated expeditions. However very "rough" conditions for extended periods makes some of the expeditions difficult even for adults and we therefore are forced to exclude children under fifteen (15) years of age.

### **TOURS/TRIPS IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF RSA**

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

One (1) day tours are usually run from our base, **Camp Africa**, in Louis Trichardt. All the evenings on an extended tour, e.g. a long weekend, may be spent at **Camp Africa**; or at other accommodation en route; or a combination, depending on the chosen itinerary.

Places of interest that are visited (itinerary dependant) include: Bergpan Salt pans; Thathe Vondo Sacred Forest; Lake Fundudzi; Tshatsingo Potholes; Dzata Ruins; the Big Tree (Baobab); Tshirovha Waterfall; ... and so much more...

Planned dates:

15 – 17 July 2011

05 – 09 August 2011 (long weekend)

23 – 25 September 2011

07 – 09 October 2011

18 – 20 November 2011

15 – 18 December 2011 (long weekend)

Contact ([limpopo@masazane.co.za](mailto:limpopo@masazane.co.za)) Jacqui now for more detailed information.

### **STUNNING ETHIOPIA**

The Stunning Ethiopia Expedition 2011 runs from **Camp Africa** (Louis Trichardt, RSA) through Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya into Ethiopia and then back to RSA through Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In Ethiopia, visit Lake Turkana; Lake Tana with its

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amazing monasteries; the impressive Blue Nile Falls; Axum for places like Queen of Sheba; the castles at Gondar; feel the history embedded in the rock monolithic churches at Lalibela; find the Simien Wolf in the Bale Mountains National Park; experience millions of flamingos and hot water geysers at Lake Bogoria. En route, visit Lake Victoria; Murchison Falls National Park; catch Nile Perch from the White Nile River; visit Kalambo Falls, the second highest falls in Africa; and so much more... Birders will be able to tick off a few megaticks, e.g. Rouget's Rail and the Blue-winged Goose. Menelik Bushbuck and Mountain Nyala are some of the endemic mammals to Ethiopia.

Departure Date: Apply for dates

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### **CHRISTMAS SERENGETI EXPEDITION 2011**

The Christmas Serengeti Expedition 2011 runs from **Camp Africa** (Louis Trichardt, RSA) through Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi to Tanzania and then back to RSA via Zambia and Zimbabwe. Enjoy the soft, warm waters and beaches of Lake Malawi; spend Christmas wiggling your toes in the sands of Lake Malawi; relive the slave trade and old spice routes on Zanzibar; see Mt. Kilimanjaro (cloud cover willing); see the New Year 2012 in under the starry African skies; experience one of the biggest animal migrations in the world; experience the smells and textures on a coffee farm; visit 'Africa House'; do a moonwalk at the **Kapishya Hot Springs**; and so much more... This expedition is specifically designed so that you may take you school children with so that they may also enjoy the wonders of nature...

We have been doing this particular expedition since Christmas 1999 – the Serengeti Millennium Expedition – and have been able to see the magnificent wildebeest herds every time. During December, the wildebeest, and the accompanying predators, are in the southern most parts of the Serengeti... far from the Mara River...

Departure Date: 14 December 2011

Expected End Date 09 January 2012

Contact ([serengeti@masazane.co.za](mailto:serengeti@masazane.co.za)) Jacqui now for more detailed information.

### **TRANS AFRICA NORTHBOUND EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG I)**

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

Departure Date: 04 June 2012 (tbc)

Contact ([transafrica@masazane.co.za](mailto:transafrica@masazane.co.za)) Jacqui now for more detailed information.

### **EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG II – LINKING ROUTE)**

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

'Departure' Date: when Leg I ends

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## **TRANS AFRICA SOUTHBOUND EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG III)**

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Why not fly into Cairo and join Dave in our vehicle back to RSA...

'Departure' Date: when Leg II ends

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Camp Africa, Louis Trichardt

19 (19:00) to 23 October 2011

venue tbc, Cape Town

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## **Fresh from the Bush – New Products**

### **NEW SHOCK DEMO**

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You are now able to view this video via our Tenneco TV site (click on the link below): [www.tenneco.tv](http://www.tenneco.tv) and then click on "**Tiago Monteiro: Monroe safety test**" when you are in the site.

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Example 2: If you travel with the solar water bag exposed to the sun on top of your vehicles roof carrier, or if simply exposed to the sun at your camp site, then your ambient water temperature can reach up to approximately 20 plus degrees. Then with the preheated solar water bag connected to the Backpacker, the hot water delivered will increase the temperature to some 45 - 50 deg.C., the perfect temperature to have a shower. The Backpacker mini stove has a micro gas adjustment control valve, which allow you to control the temperature of the hot water delivered.

Example 3: If you are making use of the Backpacker Off-Road Kit with the 12V pump attached and bypassing the solar water bag, during the winter months you may find the ambient water temperature a little cold for showering. In this instant, we recommended that you circulate the water through the Backpacker Off-Road Box supplied, until the water temperature is to you liking. In other words, cracking the ice so as to assist the tiny Backpacker. Complete illustrated instructions which include hints and advice are supplied with all Backpacker Kits.

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## ***The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports & Feedbacks***

### **MAGOEBASKLOOF MEANDER 4x4 WEEKEND**

7 Families met at the Total Petroport on the N1 just north of Pretoria at around 6 am on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. It was cold and dark, but it warmed up nicely when we lit a candle and sang because it was Charmaine Goodway's birthday. We distributed, trip T shirts, had our briefing and hit the road with Alan taking back door in the convoy.

Two ticks and we were at the lodge in Haenertsberg. We unpacked and headed off via the scenic route to the Magoebaskloof Canopy tour in the Georges Valley. What a thrill, zooming down the steel cables over gorges and waterfalls, an absolutely fantastic experience. We all got frequent flyer cards that give us a 10% discount on our next tour, I can't wait for the next one. When I picked up a brochure at the venue, I was surprise to see how this activity has grown in popularity around the country. With 6 destinations across the country, just the thing for 4x4 adventure club members to tackle. Check them out on [www.canopytour.co.za](http://www.canopytour.co.za) it's a must do!!

After the canopy tour we headed off to the Iron Crown, the local food and drink institution. Karl Eddison and family were no doubt starved, when we looked again, he was our waiter and had collected everyone's dinner order. He must have done this before, cause I believe he made a couple of really good recommendations off of the menu and the entire group's meals arrived spot on! Thanks Karl!! Tom and Lore Hannay were right at home, we discovered that they were in fact well known to the locals and have a home in the area!

The excitement of the day got the better of everyone that evening and the lodge was dead quiet and dark quite early.

Day 2 saw an early start. The cold, stay in bed type morning, having a slowing effect on some. We headed out in the direction of the Wolkberg over the Bewaarskloof pass sand road. We then took a single track along the edge of the Drakensberg to our morning coffee stop. The view out over the Lowveld included Tzaneen, the Tzaneen as well as Ebenhezer dams and the lush and

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green Georges valley. Tom took off on a hike to get the perfect "Club on the edge photo", will wait and see how that turned out.

A quick stop at the Wolkberg camp site for ablutions, a perfect spot, albeit run down, for another 4x4 trip. As Alan pointed out, we could adopt it as a club project and clean up the facilities and camp a little. We then took a drive down the single track road to the bottom of the valley, made a couple of tame river crossings as we meandered along the valley floor to our lunch stop at a beautiful little waterfall. In summer, this spot would demand a "goef" to cool off. Wild Clivia Miniata, Iris' and Dragon Lilies clung to inaccessible rock face as water cascaded down the near sheer rock face. Large boulders covered in a green moss blanket dotted the river course downstream from the falls. We'll be back!

After lunch we followed the single track out of the valley back to the Magoebaskloof lifestyle Lodge above Haenertsberg, our accommodation for the duration of the trip. This is a rustic little lodge catering for 4x4, mountain biking, hiking and fishing groups on a self catering basis. See [www.lifestylelodge.co.za](http://www.lifestylelodge.co.za) for details.

For dinner we headed off to the "Pot n Plough", a country eatery and watering hole serving great pizza's and equally great beer. Gary, the owner, flies the English flag with pride and this comes through in his menu, I stuck to pizzas.

Again the lodge was quiet and dark quite quickly when we got back after dinner.

Day 3, the Saturday, saw Steve Waller and family arrive early for our outing. We started off down the Magoebaskloof pass to the Wheelbarrow farm stall. This is 'the' spot to pick up all of the different farm products produced in the area. They also do great breakfasts (well priced) and have a tropical garden that closely resembles, even surpasses some of the national botanical gardens. We then headed off for the Debegeni falls. We took a detour through a couple of exotic plantations of Burmese Teak and East Indies Mahogany as well as Real Yellowwood. Debegeni falls was quite spectacular, even for mid winter. We then took what is known as Forest Drive, a single track road through indigenous forest, back up the escarpment. Around every other bend, small waterfalls sparkled in the spotted sunlight. The tree and plant diversity in this area is amazing. Along sections of this road, literally tens of thousands of Clivia hide in the shadows of the indigenous forest. The variety of moss', lichens, ferns, fungi and orchids is incredible.

We then headed for the twin giants of Magoebaskloof. These are giant Blugums (Eucalyptus saligna) that were planted in 1905. Topping out at 85 meters odd, the tallest trees in Africa and the tallest planted Blue gums in the world. From there on to the lawns of Kuhestan farm for our Lunch stop. The hospitality and product at Kuhestan farm are unique! The Jarvis' left the convoy for their spot of canopy touring while the rest of us continued with forest drive up past Dap Naude dam. After a long day of driving, some of the group took the opportunity for a walk along Forest Drive. The peace and quiet of the forest was awesome!

Back in the vehicles, we made one last stop at a westward view stop. On a clear day a person can see all the way to Hanglip on the Soutpansberg above Louis Trichardt . We had been driving in the shadow of the mountain and forest for a while and it was cold. Standing with the warm winter afternoon sun on my face at this lookout point seemed to warm me right through. A short drive followed delivering us back to the lodge.



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Frans had made us his speciality Lamb Potjie for dinner, washed down with Andri's incredible Gluwein, MAGIC!! Unlike the previous evenings, not everyone in the group crashed early on Saturday night.

Sunday morning came quickly as Kallie our fly fishing guide roared up to the lodge before 7am. A cup of coffee and we were off to Ebenezer dam, but not before waking Alan to say good morning. A small group of the guys were treated to a tour of the HTA trout hatchery, I haven't seen trout that size in ages. We then chose suitable flies and began lashing the water with our rods. Josh Jarvis was the first to strike with a beautiful huge trout hen, followed shortly thereafter by Jack Romijn who landed a smaller, but rosy red Cock. Tom Hannay's misspent youth was revealed when he showed us just how to use a fly rod. In Kallie's words, "it's not his first time"

Another crowd dashed off to town for massages, breakfast and a spot of shopping. Around 11:30am we all met back at the lodge. Some folk were packed and ready for the haul home, some were looking at taking the scenic route home via Lydenburg, while other didn't want to leave at all. Eventually everyone got packed and headed off home, thankfully making it home safely.

A really enjoyable 'rustige' weekend spent in Limpopo's best, not too far from home in the company of like minded 4x4ers and good friends, priceless!!

Gareth & Andri Vermaak – Guide Family

*Hi Alan,*

*Thanks for a magic, albeit chilly weekend with fellow club members. Our circle of friends continues to grow and it's great being a part of your large family. Many thanks indeed for everything, which made Father's Day just that bit more special.*

*Best regards,*

*Tom and Hannelore Hannay*

Hi Alan,

Thank you for adding me to your mailing list - and I was pleased to receive your latest Communique !

Thanks again to you & Charmaine and to Gareth & Andri for the wonderful weekend in Magoebaskloof. It was all so well put together and was really interesting and fun for all of us - especially the Canopy Tour !!

We're just sorry that we didn't get to the cheese farm... as it seems we ran out of time, but I think we probably could have skipped seeing Stanford College. Potjie on last night was delicious... even though only lamb was available... as itinerary mentioned chicken & beef... but this is just feedback for you - not complaints from us - as we really enjoyed the meal and were appreciative to all concerned who put the meal together.

All in all a very pleasant weekend and we'd love to join you all on other trips.

Best wishes,

Melanie, Karl, Kristin & Meghan



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Hi Alan

We really did "smaak" the trip with Vermaak!! It was an awesome weekend - pity we missed the first 2 days but we certainly made up for it the rest of the weekend. Well done and thanks to Gareth and Andrie for all their planning.

It's given us a great taste for the area and we'll certainly be back soon.

Regards

Jvlian , Di and Josh

## **HEIDELBERG 4x4 DAY**

Trying to get to the Petroport in time for the 9 o'clock start proved to be quite a challenge. Just after going past the airport split of the N3 the traffic ground to a halt and then proceeded at a snail's pace past Bedfordview. Thanks to SANRAL only 1 of the 5 lanes was open. This saw us arriving at the meeting place with a minute to spare. The convoy then set off for Heidelberg 4 x 4 track.

Our first idea of things to come was when we turned onto the dirt road leading up to the farm... no dust!! On arrival, the paperwork was sorted out and I took a walk down to the start point. The quarry was full of water and most of the obstacles around the back had been closed off. I was (needlessly) concerned that we were in for a dreary drive.

The First obstacle proved to be good fun with a slippery mud turn at the bottom and then a climb back out of the quarry on rocks and stones. This was to set the tone for the rest of the drive. The recent downpours having saturated the ground and filled up the water holes. As the day progressed, the jackets and jerseys started to come off and by the time we had reached the top of the rock koppies it was quite hot. An almost perfect Highveld winters day.

We circled round the last koppie and descended into the second quarry. The first few obstacles I deemed unsafe for the group. We skirted the quarry which was a huge mud pit and mostly under quite a bit of water. I found a road which I thought would be a nice closing challenge. I walked through it and thought I might as well give the "new Shoes" a test. The obstacle was a short decent followed by a long curved track through the bush. Going down was fine, around the corner - fine, the end in sight - not fine. The thick mud and lack of momentum brought me to a gooey halt. My mind leapt back to the pair of waders in my garage. I managed to slip the car into reverse and by rocking back and forth got some firm ground under tyre. In the confusion of me getting stuck the next car came through a little early and had to stop in a very deep section of the goo. Neville had no option but to get recovered.

By this stage the rest of the convoy had decided that they would not try the mud..... Bar one .... Jen had been driving the whole course and said that she would like to give it go. Well, the advice she was given by hubby and the other girls was "give it horns". Good advice, given that my troubles started from too little too late.

From behind the bushes the flying Disco emerged.... Steve's jaw dropped, I believe he uttered something quite profound! We all cheered as a flying, grinning, shaking and very proud Jen was not held back by this stretch of mud. Well done Jen.



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From the conquered stretch of mud we went back to the braai area to enjoy the rest of the afternoon and prepare for the trip home. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful day. Special thanks to the van der Merwe family for their back door duty.

Jvlian Jarvis (Guide)

### **DE WILDT 4x4 DAY**

Ons het die DeWildt ekskursie baie geniet. Nie te moeilike roete nie, maar tog genoeg om hier en daar jou kneukels so bietjie wit te maak as jy die stuurwiel wil vasklem. (Ons het nou ongelukkig die oor en weer geselsies tussenin gemis – geen radios).

Het egter die waardesisteem van die klub weer opnuut waardeer toe ons 'n ander groep op die roete gekry het waar die voggies vrylik gevloei het.

Groete  
Adriaan Odendaal

*Alan,*

*Just a short note to say thanks for setting this up. Johan Swanepoel was great as guide and helped us a great deal to go through some hairy but awesome obstacles. Andre Verster was also a great back door and Nigel gave us great tips.*

*Thanks to all for a day of super fun.  
Andre and Marietjie de Wet*

### **SABIE LONG WEEKEND MEANDER**

Die naweek het als goed afgeloop. Ons het sowat 30 min laat vertrek en het gestop by ZASM tunnel, 5-boog brug, Sudwala grotte waar ons middagegte gehad het en het so 15:30 by Merry Pebbles aangekom.

Die volgende oggend het ons na die hout meuseum in Sabie gegaan, Sabie valle, MacMac poele, Maria Shires valle, natuurlike brug by Graskop, Graskop watervalle, Harry's Pancakes, Pinnacle, God's Window, Berlin valle, Burke's Luck en toe met 'n grondpad na Pelgrim's Rus gery, Royal Hotel besoek. Ons het so 17:30 weer by die kamp aangekom.

Die volgende oggend vroeg na Jock of the Bushveld gedenkteken en na MacMac 4x4. Ons het die res van die dag saam met hulle gery, Forest Falls gesien en baie wild op die vlaktes, mooi uitkykpunte besoek, Luiperd gesien, groot bome en baie inligting oor die plantasies, deur die plantasies gery en op "ax men" afgekom wat die plantasies bewerk het. Dit was regtig 'n goeie ervaring.

Ons het vroeg Sondag-oggend opgestaan en vir brekfis by Wild Fig Tree restaurant in Sabie vir vadersdag uitgeet. Ons het met die Long Tom Pass via Machadadorp huis toe gekeer. Ons het mekaar afgesien by The Rose Bronkhorstspuit.



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## ***The Trading Post – Swop, Sell or Buy***

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Hi Alan,

We have a Echo Rooftop and canvas canopy for sale (for the Hilux Double cab) if you know of anybody that might be interested. Looking for around R11 000 for all.

It includes:

- Like new Echo rooftop tent
- Canvas canopy with removable roof
- ...plus rear gate,
- Large zip-on awning with poles and ropes,
- Lockable Landcruiser spare wheel and High-lift jack.

Contact Warren Keys 0828254220

### **LAND CRUISER FOR SALE**

Toyota Land Cruiser 4.2 Diesel: 120 000km's on clock - EXPLORERS DREAM!!

2005 P/U, HZJ79 series - Must See!! With a huge extra list,

- Meano double cab conversion
- Beekman canopy - double cab, half door
- Frontrunner Windcheeta slimline roofrack 1.6 metre
- Warn winch M 8000
- Thomas 12V air compressor - Installed in engine bay
- Long Steel Side Steps
- Spot Lights
- Tow Bar – Full back, Front Mounting & Plate without Knuckle
- Airconditioner
- Long range fuel tank 80 litre and pump
- Straight Roll Bar
- Canvass Seat Covers, and more!

Reason for selling – Owner passed away earlier this year

R308 540 ONCO.

Call 082 463 7056

### **ANOTHER LAND CRUISER FOR SALE**

It is a 2010 Landcruiser 70 4.2D Station wagon with 2840 Kms on the clock

This vehicle is kitted out for "Africa" travel with extra's that include:

- ARB Bull bar with Ironman winch 2 light force spots as well as 2 driving lights
- 5 BF Goodrich all terrian tyres on mag rims
- Set of Old man Emu Nitro shocks
- Dual battery system
- Snorkel
- Thule towbar

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- Chrome tube side steps
- Full set Takla waterproof seat covers
- Built-in GPS, Radio/Cd/mp3 player
- Built-in boot rack with 2 sliding drawers
- Gear Lock
- Tracker is fitted

The vehicle has had minimal gravel road travel and still smells new. The reason for selling it is that we are not "offroad" travellers. We acquired the vehicle through unfortunate circumstances.

I think a very reasonable asking price to be around R480 000.00. Your assistance would be highly appreciated. I can be contacted on 016-3721371 or 0845480777. I live in Vaal Marina  
Vossie Vos

### STILL MORE LAND CRUISERS FOR SALE

Vehicle for sale – Toyota Land Cruiser S/W, 1996 GX 450. Overlanding Cruiser kitted in safari ready condition. Just pack food and personal items and hit the road. This pristine vehicle is one of South Africa's most instantly recognisable 80's, having featured in numerous trail review articles in Drive Out / Wegry over the last 3-4 years.

Vehicle: 80 series Toyota Land Cruiser S/W GX 4500 – 1996 model  
Mileage: 393 500km  
Colour: Off-white  
Service History: Oil changes by self, otherwise JB Auto's  
Condition: Tip top. Recently had body buffed and polished – no bush rash!  
Extras and mods: ARB front bumper with 9500lb T-Max winch and KC spots;  
Safari snorkel;  
Dual batteries with marine switch and monitor;  
2 x power cables to rear with Brad Harrison plugs fitted (suitable for fridges or inverters);  
2 x Hella sockets fitted, one at rear, one near radiator;  
Burnco rock sliders;  
Burnco rear bumper with spare wheel swing arm and with worklight and 2<sup>nd</sup> swing arm for accessories (gas bottle);  
Burnco draw system with stainless steel table and 40ltr onboard water tank;  
Kitchen light fitted to inside of tailgate;  
GME 29MHz radio with antenna fitted to body (D pillar);  
ICOM VHF radio with antenna fitted to body (D pillar);  
Garmin 176 GPS on dash with external magnetic antenna on bonnet;  
All side and rear windows fitted with tinted protection film;  
Mellville and Moon seat covers (driver's seat a bit scuffed);  
Gear lock;  
Burnco loads bars x3 for RTT or roofrack;  
Hannibal aluminium roof rack with canvas side awning, 2<sup>nd</sup> spare and 4 jerry cans fitted (has fittings for spade and hi-lift jack – items excluded);  
Short tailgate mounted ladder to access roof rack;





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Dobinson shocks and front coils, rear coils were upgraded to OME;  
6 x Tyres fitted to white rims – Maxxis Bighorn MTR's 33 x 12,5 x 15;  
Additional 6 x tyres – Goodyear Wrangler MTR's 33 x 12,5 x 15.

Cape Town  
Philip Sackville-Scott  
[capesignworx@mweb.co.za](mailto:capesignworx@mweb.co.za)  
Mobile: 082 446 1981

Price: R145,000.00 as described above.

### I AM LOOKING FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND TOWBAR – TOYOTA

Ek is op soek na 'n towbar vir my Hilux. Indien jy hoor van iemand wat wil verkoop laat weet asb.  
Claude – [claudes@intenda.net](mailto:claudes@intenda.net)

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## ***Legally Speaking.....*** **THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT RELATING TO MARKETING**

The aim of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 ("the CPA") is to protect consumers while transacting with suppliers who act in their ordinary course of business. All marketing practices must be honest, bona fide and transparent. General marketing practices are therefore regulated extensively.

Any conduct that is unconscionable, misleading or deceptive is prohibited. Unconscionable conduct is defined as unethical or improper behaviour that will shock the conscience of a reasonable person and may relate to any physical force, coercion, undue influence, pressure, duress or harassment or unfair tactics which lures a consumer into business dealings.

Representations about a supplier, goods or services must be truthful and any possible misapprehension on the part of the consumer should be corrected.

Marketing that is misleading, fraudulent or deceptive may entail the following:

- the supplier does not have the status or connections he purports to have;
- the goods contain properties or benefits they do not really have;
- the service, maintenance or repair facilities promised are not readily available;
- a specific price advantage tendered does not exist;
- the goods are sold as new when in fact they are second-hand.

As regards marketing and sale channels the Act is quite clear. Fraudulent schemes and offers, like pyramid and even chain letter schemes, are curtailed. Direct marketing by approaching an unknown potential customer in person, by mail or on the web is still allowed, but a cooling-off clause is attached to it. Catalogue marketing and especially public auctions are extensively regulated.

Marketing and sale methods are also covered by the CPA, for example bait marketing; bundling of goods and services; negative option marketing; referral selling; lay-bye sales; pre-paid certificates, credit and vouchers; promotional offers and trade coupons; and customer loyalty programs.

To sell goods at a certain price for a certain time period using bait marketing is still allowed, but sufficient amounts of stock should be available. Negative option marketing is forbidden, that is when a sale agreement automatically comes into being if a consumer fails to decline an offer or inducement. A well-known example is when you receive a magazine by mail and you become liable to pay for a subscription if you do not return the book within 14 days. With regard to promotional competitions you cannot inform a person that he has won a competition or obtain the right to a prize if there was no competition or the right does not really exist.

Over-selling and over-booking which frequently frustrated air passengers in the past and discriminatory marketing receive proper attention in the CPA. Interestingly enough, it is allowed to market only to a particular group of distinguishable consumers with specific and unique needs or interests.

All businesses are encouraged to have their marketing practices and material properly scrutinised to be in line with the stipulations of the CPA.

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## ***Flat Wheel – Light Relief***

“Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don’t.”

Pete Seeger

“Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.”

Unknown

“Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of old ones.”

Unknown

“Silence is a fence around wisdom.”

-- German Proverb –

“Soon silence will have passed into legend. Man has turned his back on silence. Day after day he invents machines and devices that increase noise and distract humanity from the essence of life.”

-- Jean Arp –

“I have never enjoyed failure, so I have always avoided it by never giving up and always learning from my mistakes. It is only when you don’t try and don’t learn from your experiences that you truly fail.”

Brandon Mensing

“Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.”

Augusta Rodin

“Looking back, you realise everything would have explained itself if you had only stopped interrupting.”

Robert Brault

“The trouble with using experience as a guide is that the final exam often comes first, and then the lesson.”

Unknown

“Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him .”

Aldous Leonard Huxley

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## ***Preferred Suppliers - Gauteng***

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KJ BOLTON CONSULTANT cc

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### 3) HONEYDEW TOYOTA & RV CENTRE

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