



Trails & Tribulations...

Hi there enthusiasts,

The final run down to year end has begun. Most people (like the school kids) have less than one month to their annual long holidays. Others like us working parents, have 6-8 weeks before we break. And what a year it was. We deserve the break indeed.

But, before we break for a breather, remember to start revisiting the gear to be used over the long holidays. Caravans and trailers **MUST** be serviced. Check those wheel bearings, braking systems, lights, waterproofing. Check the tents, the sleeping bags, the gas supply (yep, a serious shortage coming up!). Check the battery systems, the fridges and all else. Don't walk into a shop 1 day before they close and expect service. The poor people are also going on holiday. So start planning now.

Yes, and then tongue in cheek – enjoy your well-deserved holiday (camping) in your driveway or garden. Why? The petrol & diesel price is surely gonna force a lot of people to stay at home this year. Our diesel guzzlers are gonna cost us dear this holiday. But hey, even if we toast dry bread all holiday season, I will squeeze the last cents into that tank, and put my feet in the cool water of the Knysna lagoon! It has been one heck of a year, and we must rid the memories.

While we are down in Knysna in December, we have 2 convoys heading out with Bejhane 4x4 Adventures (one of our e-Zine advertisers) into their amazing Knysna 4x4 Forest Trail. This will be run over 2 days and we will be sharing the magic of the forest with fellow friends and club members. If you are in the area, be sure to contact them and book a ride. It is amazing.

Our Unit Standard Driver Training is going exceptionally well and very favourable feedback is being given by our learners. We strive to do it at the most professional level at a very professional venue. If you are interested, drop me a line, as there will still be training in November and December.

There will be 2 important other events aside from this training in November. They are:

- GPS & Mapping Training
- The last 20111 Enthusiast Meeting with great prizes (such as a full set of Bridgestone Tyres !!!)

So watch the emails again, it will be coming soon!

As you know we have now enlisted on an automated email distribution service. The idea was to from this month, include only the link in the email notification, so as to reduce your inbox space. Having recently attended an Identity Indaba, I learned that a lot of hacking and virus orientated



activity happens through emails with only links for redirection in them. Thus I have made a conscious decision not to go that route, but to still deliver the PDF file to your inbox. Then we all know it is safe, secure and no unintended redirection is taking place to trap you in cyberspace. So apologies for that. But hey, it's still the best read available.

This coming month we are visiting two stunning bush resorts, one in the Brits area and another down in Mpumalanga, where we will be exploring a 4x4 route in a private nature reserve. We will give you some feedback on the venues in the next edition.

It seems as if this toll road saga is just never going to get itself sorted. An interesting article herein about what the rental companies positioning is. Let's see what happens next. I attended the Johannesburg International Motor Show for the first time in a very long time and was suitably impressed with the display and activities around the 4x4 arena. There were also some stunning new cars launched, and the cherry must have been the new Ford Truck, the new Land Rover as well as the stunning new Mazda. The 'plat kar' division does not excite me, but there were some cuties on display.

Finally, with our new emailing software, it is stunning to see the statistics of where this newsletter gets directed to. How about 145 cities across 34 countries across the globe. WOW!!! Makes me proud to spread our positive 4x4-ing experiences, news and views across the globe!

Well, enjoy the read. There is a lot of negative movement in the border countries in our space, and there has been some serious activity in Zambia now too I believe with a sacking of the wildlife management in Government. But there are 2 sides to every story and it makes for fascinating reading. So, the core message is if you plan to travel. Ensure you know what the rules and regulations are,, make sure you are adequately prepared and at all times, be rational, level headed and calm. Africa ain't for sissies!

Be safe!

Yours in 4x4ing.



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Editor (voluntary!)

A banner advertisement for Pioneer Plastics. The background is yellow. At the top, the words "PIONEER PLASTICS" are written in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, the slogan "Anything's Possible" is written in a blue, cursive font. Underneath the slogan, it says "WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the banner, the website "www.pioneerplastics.co.za" and the phone number "Tel: 012 541 6000" are listed. The banner also features several images of custom mouldings, including a red and white cooler, a blue cooler, and a blue and white cooler, along with a person's hands working on a moulding.

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Calendar of Training / Events

Herewith find training opportunities / events 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
November - 20th	NEW DCC Driver Training against the Unit Standards	Gauteng – enquire via email
December- 3rd & 4th	LADIES NEW DCC Driver Training against the Unit Standards	Gauteng – enquire via email
19-20 November 2011	GPS Navigation & Mapping Course with MR GPS SA – Kevin Bolton	Centurion
29 November 2011	FINAL ENTHUSIAST MEETING OF 2011	TBA via RSVP Email

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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

DATES: Enquire via email (individual 1 on 1 courses can also be arranged)-

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WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN !!!

Win 6 nights at Maliba Mountain Lodge, Lesotho

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
06 November 2011**

Greetings all,

WOW – the response to our competition has been beyond my wildest dreams. And it would appear beyond the Roads to Roam webmaster's dreams as well... Numerous people have

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contacted me as they could not get into the website – its been too busy! In addition, the emails that went out to the database in the beginning of October, were delayed in the bulk mailing system, we discovered this only on Friday and therefore some emails were only released over the weekend. And I thought IT made life easier!

So to enable everybody a fair chance to enter, we have extended the deadline for the competition to the 6th of November 2011. Thank you to those that have already entered and for those that have not entered yet – now is your chance! Below the details again.

We are running a competition to promote our new website and expand our database. The prize is a stunning 6 night stay for 6 people in the self-catering units at Maliba Lodge, <http://www.maliba-lodge.com>. There are two ways to enter:

- Have a look at the new Roads to Roam website www.roadstoroom.co.za and subscribe to our newsletter on the Home page or
- Copy and paste the paragraph below into a new email, forward to 5 friends and copy us on info@roadstoroom.co.za – for each email that you send to 5 new friends, you will receive 1 entry into our draw.

“Win with Roads to Roam Adventure Holidays: click on www.roadstoroom.co.za and subscribe to the newsletter on the Home page – all names will be entered in a draw to win 6 nights at Maliba Mountain Lodge, Lesotho (T&C apply). You can get additional entries by forwarding this paragraph to five friends and copy info@roadstoroom.co.za – for each email that you send to 5 new friends, you will receive an entry into the draw. The competition runs until 06 November 2011 and the draw will be done on the 7th of November 2011. Yes, we are looking at expanding our database, but we will not send unwanted emails to the your friends. It is up to them to subscribe to our newsletter to also enter our competition.”

The final tour for the year is a wonderful 3 week holiday to Mozambique, departing from the Komatipoort border post on 26 December 2012, heading for Vilanculos, Morrungulo, Tofo and Bilene, returning to Johannesburg on 15 January 2012. With the later departure we hope to miss the crazy holiday rush, the diving up there is superb and Tofo offers the most amazing “Swimming with Whale Sharks” excursions. We’ll be staying in Morrungulo for 7 days to enable my Dutch guest to do his open water dive course before heading south and back to Johannesburg.

Keen to join us? We are camping and there is still space on the campsite, so give us a call.

Happy Roaming!

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – WESTCOAST NATIONAL PARK

From the 1st of September 2011 conservation fee will be applicable and camping will only be allowed with prior bookings in the coastal section of the Park between Groen and Spoegriver. Contact Elanza V Lente at 0276721948 or Mariaan at 0275311015 or email elanzavl@sanparks.org or Petruss@sanparks.org

DRIVER COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION - HAS IT BECOME REALITY?

Unit Standard 254135 - Apply the techniques for operating four wheel drive (4 WD) vehicles, in on-road and off-road conditions.

The Training Connection Team is proud to announce that the long awaited Statements of Results (***THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF PAPER IN THE PROCESS! Ed***) have finally been issued by TETA. We are currently distributing over 200 Statements of Results for our first year's group of drivers.

The reason for this delay is a result of the breakdown of the TETA IT System during May last year. Ever since, TETA has not been able to issue any of the formal documentation. Their computer generated numbering system used to generate official numbers for Statement of Results, as well as Assessor and Moderator accreditation numbers, has not been functional. It is expected that these systems will be up and running at full speed in the near future.

How to now get the DCC?

The Training Connection will inform all its formally qualified learners in the next month of the procedure to be followed to obtain the formal DCC (Driver Competency Certificate), which will be issued in the form of a laminated card (credit card size).

Further information regarding this, will follow in the next issue of this e-zine.

Anyone with questions and queries concerning the DCC, or the training and assessment process, is welcome to contact us on info@thetrainingconnection.co.za.

Accredited Driver Training on both Unit Standards can be booked or enquired about from Isibonela Adventures on isibonela@mweb.co.za – individual, group or corporate / company training done at excellent training venues across Gauteng.

CAR RENTAL ASSOCIATION WILL NOT REGISTER FOR TOLL UNTIL CONCERNS ADDRESSED

The Southern African Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association's (SAVRALA) members, representing over 450 000 vehicles, have agreed not to register their vehicles for e-tags until their concerns over toll roads have been addressed.

At its AGM, held last week in Johannesburg, these concerns included the lack of clarity regarding the enforcement of tolling; the burden of additional administrative costs on Gauteng road users

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and the risk posed to road users by cloned registration plates, stating that these present as yet undetermined consequences to both its members and all Gauteng road users.

SAVRALA welcomes the recent instruction by the Minister of Transport to 'halt all processes related to the tolling of national roads'. The minister's view that the 'consultative processes should be allowed to take place to offer concerned parties an opportunity to share their views on the toll road program' is warmly supported and long overdue. The intent, however, to implement tolling in Gauteng, should also be halted.

In addition, the firm statement given this week by the Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan to his government to 'use the resources we have, far more effectively', strongly resonates with the association's concerns about the planned implementation of urban tolling in Gauteng. The expected administrative costs, conservatively running into billions, could be replaced almost overnight by an additional fuel levy without any wasteful administrative costs. Funds raised by the fuel levy could be allocated to key national infrastructural projects, such as the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project (GFIP).

The association remains ready at all times to engage with SANRAL and the Department of Transport to address the current road infrastructure funding challenges. The lack of an effective consultation structure between the various transport related stakeholders and government remains an important opportunity to be fulfilled.

Given the dynamic and fluid nature of the current tolling national debate, the association's members will again review their position on the implementation of planned urban tolling in Gauteng within the next month.

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 Bignaut, 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.

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BRIDGESTONE WARNS RE TYRE PRESSURES

Tyre maker Bridgestone South Africa has called on the motoring public to check their tyre pressures at least every two weeks. The plea comes in the wake of a tyre survey which showed that nearly one in five tyres is dangerously over- or under-inflated. The survey, which was conducted in the car park of Pick n Pay Verulam in Durban on October 1, was the third leg of Bridgestone's Tyre Check initiative for 2011.



"Our tyre specialists checked 436 tyres on 109 vehicles for condition and pressure," said Bridgestone Public Relations Manager, Mandy Lovell. "Bridgestone has been conducting these surveys since 2007, and although there has been a slight improvement over the years, we are concerned at the results of this latest survey," she added.

In the Verulam survey, 20% of tyres fitted on each rear wheel position, on both the left and right of the vehicle, were found to be incorrectly inflated with 16% of these tyres being in the "extremely dangerous" bracket. Tyre pressures between 1.8 bars and 2.9 bars are classed as acceptable for the purposes of the survey, with pressures between 1.5 and 1.7 bars regarded as dangerous, and pressures below 1.5 bars (or over 2.9 bars) considered extremely dangerous.

The survey also revealed that 14 percent of tyres in the front left wheel position and 15% in the front right wheel position were not correctly inflated. Overall, 55 tyres fell into the 'extremely dangerous' bracket, with 28 being above 2.9 bars, and 27 below 1.5 bars.

Lovell explained that severe over-inflation leads to reduced traction, and makes tyres less resistant to punctures from road debris such as stones. She added that tyres that are under-inflated are even more dangerous, because they develop excessive heat which weakens the tyre and may cause it to fail suddenly. Under-inflation of tyres, especially on overloaded vehicles, is a leading cause of tyre blowouts.

"Dangerously under-inflated tyres reduce tyre life and increase crash risk," Lovell said. "We appeal to motorists: if you haven't checked your tyre pressures for longer than two weeks, please do it today. Tomorrow may be too late."

** Tyre pressure : 1 bar = 100kPa

GPS-SKOEN GOU BESKIKBAAR

Carol Stream, VSA – 'n Spesiale skoen wat gemik is op mense wat aan Alzheimer se siekte ly sal binnekort op die mark beskikbaar wees, berig *Connected World*-tydskrif.

Dié skoen, wat 'n GPS-toestel bevat, kan gebruik word om te alle tye seker te wees waar 'n Alzheimer-pasiënt hom bevind, en is gemik op pasiënte wat vermis raak omdat hulle wegloop. Verskeie produkte wat Alzheimer-lyers kan naspoor is in die laaste paar jaar beskikbaar gestel, maar dié nuwe produk is die eerste van sy soort wat deel vorm van 'n item wat 'n lyster gewoonlik nie agterlaat nie.

Die skoen bevat 'n GPS-mikroskyfie en 'n sellulêre toestel, en is die produk van 'n samewerkingsooreenkoms tussen 'n paar maatskappye. Data wat deur die skoen uitgesaai word, word deur 'n sentrale datasentrum ontvang. Indien die lyster buite 'n vasgestelde gebied beweeg, ontvang geliefdes of mediese personeel SMS-boodskappe om hulle in kennis te stel.

RIBBOKLOOF 4x4 FUND RAISER

4x4 Prettdag te Ribbokkloof, Stoffberg in bate van Laerskool Uitkyk. 26 November 2011

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ENCOURAGE HOUSEBOAT CREWS TO COLLECT SHORELINE RUBBISH!

Kariba residents have embarked on an energetic “Clean-Up” campaign in their town over the past few months resulting in a much-improved environment for residents and visitors alike. Now the anti-litter battle is moving across the lake to the Matusadona National Park, where recent high lake levels have washed up all manner of plastic detritus onto the shorelines. This is not only extremely unsightly, but is potentially dangerous and harmful to the wildlife of the National Park.

Marineland Harbour reports that it is encouraging houseboat captains and their crews to collect any rubbish they see in the immediate area where they moor their vessel along the shoreline. This is not only a good housekeeping exercise, but also good public relations for boat owners, as guests and clients see the boat crew taking such public spirited action.

WILD ZAMBEZI is delighted by this and urges all harbours to adopt a similar policy.

Visitors taking a houseboat holiday on Lake Kariba can help by providing their houseboat captains and crews with sturdy rubbish bags, urging them NOT to throw material overboard, and encouraging them to actively clean up the shoreline around their boats.

Tell them about the RESPECT THE WILD Code of Conduct for visitors in wild areas and encourage them to obtain a free coloured poster depicting this Code from [The Zambezi Society](http://www.wildzambezi.com/) - <http://www.wildzambezi.com/>
WildZambezi Newsletter – Oct 2011

BURGLARS HIT JOE'S BEERHOUSE

THE four men who stole N\$187 000 in cash and two laptops from Joe's Beerhouse early on Monday morning were caught on camera. By yesterday afternoon, the gang was still at large. According to the managing director of the popular watering hole, Anette Gross, the men cut their way through the gate leading to the office where the drop safe stood.

In there, the men are suspected to have used a blow torch to open the safe to get to the money. The suspects also fled with two laptop computers. Their operation was captured on surveillance cameras. The incident is suspected to have happened between 02h00 and 04h00 on Monday morning.

Gross says although it cannot be ruled out, it cannot yet be confirmed that it was an inside job. “They may have had inside information. But the investigation is still ongoing.” The Police and private investigators are investigating the matter, Gross said. Chief Inspector Angula Amulungu, a Police spokesperson, confirmed the incident yesterday afternoon

A BUFFALO IS BORN: A FIRST IN 200 YEARS - HEATHER D'ALTON, FLOWER VALLEY CONSERVATION TRUST

The first buffalo calf in approximately 200 years has been born on the Agulhas Plain. The calf forms part of a herd of buffalo reintroduced into the area by the Nuwejaars Wetland Special Management Area (SMA) venture. Records show buffalo were last seen on the Agulhas Plain in the late 1700s. According to Dirk Human, Chairman of the Nuwejaars Wetland SMA, the buffalo calf signifies the first step in turning back the clock on the Agulhas Plain. "Aside from buffalo, we've also reintroduced hippo, last seen here some 150 years ago. We're slowly moving towards bringing back the natural systems as they existed in previous centuries." The buffalo calf will be given an appropriate indigenous Khoisan name still to be decided upon. www.nuwejaars.com

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POSH NEW FORD RANGER DRIVEN IN SA

By Jesse Adams

The first thing I noticed about the new Ford Ranger is its quietness. Ford's engineers put a lot of effort into making this bakkie feel and sound more like a car to drive than its predecessor - and it's paid off. At one point during the test drive, I noticed I was over revving in fourth gear because I couldn't hear the engine.

The cabin's extremely well insulated, considering its light commercial segment, and the interior design is all modern and car-like as well. There's a central "command centre" dashboard design, similar to what's found in the cutting-edge Fiesta hatchback, that takes the new Ranger to a new level of modernity among its bakkie peers.

It's no secret that the Hiluxes, Amaroks and BT-50s of South Africa spend more time mounting shopping centre pavements than outback rocks and dongas, and I feel the new Ranger will suit the urban environment well. I can't really imagine its fancy (for a pickup) switchgear and colour radio display getting all dusty out on die plaas.

That said however, Ford demonstrated the 4x4 model's capabilities over a reasonably difficult off-road course and I came away very impressed. All the necessary rear difflocks and low range transfer cases are in place to take you into and out of most sticky off-road situations.

Of the three new engines - one petrol and two turbodiesels - I tested both the 2.2 and 3.2-litre TDCI diesels at the new Ranger's launch. Both are very smooth in operation and deliver power with nice, linear torque curves.

Though the 147kW/470Nm 3.2-litre five cylinder's the range topper, I'd probably opt for the smaller four cylinder 2.2. If you're not into towing or hauling heavy loads, the 2.2's got all the oomph it needs and it's a little quieter and more economical as well.

There's nothing revolutionary about the new Ranger's suspension system, which just like most other bakkies in this league comprises front double wishbones and rear leaf springs. But, where



the body mounts to the chassis, Ford's obviously used high quality materials because noise, vibration and harshness levels are among the best I've ever experienced in this segment.

Certain models though, such as top 3.2-litre double cabs, come with 17" wheels and tyres that gave a very choppy ride on rough tarmac and dirt roads. I suspect the tyre fitted, which is specific to our market, is just not as good at bump absorption as the smaller 16" ones.

Funnily, the special edition Wildtrack model, with huge 18" wheels was also more comfortable than the Ranger with 17 inchers.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SKELETON COAST

The first inhabitants of the Skeleton Coast were the people known as Strandlopers, Sandlopers or Dauna-Daman (meaning 'seaside people on a desert plain'). They survived on fish, seals, sea birds and dead whales. They built shelters and tents using skins, reeds and, sometimes, whale bones. When conditions at the coast became too harsh they moved inland along the riverbeds.

In 1907, Friedrich Von Lindequist, the Governor of what was then known as German South West Africa became concerned about the diminishing wildlife in the northern areas of Namibia and proclaimed a reserve of 99,526 km² for the protection of animals and indigenous plants, known as Game Reserve 2. The new reserve covered most of what is today known as Etosha, Kaokoland, Damaraland and the Skeleton Coast Park.

In 1923 and 1947 large parts of the Kaokoland section of Game Reserve 2 were declared as "Bantu Reserves, for the sole use and occupation by natives". Although these areas still formed part of Game Reserve 2, the Park had been effectively split in two.

During the late 1950s mining and fishing permissions were granted to private companies, including Sarusas Mining Corporation, along the Skeleton Coast.

In 1962 the Odendaal Commission, who's aim was to introduce the South African apartheid system into what was then known as South West Africa, drastically reduced Game Park 2. 71,972 km² were used to create Owamboland, Damaraland and Kaokoland. 22,270 km² became the Etosha National Park and a small strip of land, between the Kunene and Ugab River along the coastline to 30 km inland was set aside for tourism development, mining and conservation.

As a result the Skeleton Coast now fell under 3 different departments and to enter it required 3 permits, one from Bantu Affairs, one from Nature Conservation and one from Mines. During the late 1960s, Sarusas Mining Corporation began research on building a harbour along the Skeleton Coast. It identified Mōwe Bay as the ideal spot. As part of the development they built a road to Mōwe Bay. The road was never extended and Mōwe Bay is still the northernmost point of the Skeleton Coast Park that can be reached by road. In 1970 the South African government, fearing that a harbour at Mōwe Bay would reduce the stranglehold Walvis Bay had on the country, refused Sarusas Mining Corporation the right to build a harbour. This decision would ultimately lead to the proclamation of the Skeleton Coast Park and the formation of the restricted concession area within the park.

Sarusas Mining Corporation was unhappy with the South African decision and took the case to court. The case was settled out of court. Part of the settlement was that the South African



government would re-proclaim part of the area as a national park. In 1971 the Skeleton Coast was proclaimed. It was decided to create a Concession Area within the park to preserve part of the area in total pristine condition. It was also decided to strictly control tourist numbers, ban any erection of any permanent structure, that all rubbish had to be removed and that tourists could only be flown in. To ensure this only one operator would be allowed to bring tourists into the area.

Louw Schoemann, who had been part of the Sarusas Mining Corporation legal team, had fallen in love with the area during his research. He had begun to share his love of the area with friends and family, and decided to apply for the right to bring tourists into the Wilderness Area. After being awarded the concession he opened Skeleton Coast Fly-In Safaris, which became a textbook example of environmentally friendly safari operations in Africa. Louw's wife, Amy Schoemann, added to this with her book, *The Skeleton Coast*, which is still the definitive work on the area. His sons, André and Bertus, joined as pilot / guides, making it a family operation.

After independence in 1992 the right to operate in the concession area for a period for 10 years came up for tender. As Louw Schoemann's operation had gained such a high reputation for excellent, efficient and environmental friendliness, no Namibian operator tendered. However, the German company Olympia Reisen, headed by Kurt Steinhausen tendered and won the concession.

Local operators were shocked that a foreign company was now looking after one of Namibia's most fragile environments. Skeleton Coast Fly-In Safaris started legal proceedings to challenge the decision, but tragically Louw Schoemann died of a heart attack before the case was heard.

It did not take long before it became clear that Olympia Reisen was not only failing to make a commercial success, but was causing serious damage to the fragile environment.

In 1999, Wilderness Safaris, with a good reputation for sensitive development and responsible tourism, offered Olympia Reisen to take control of tourism in the area. They ripped down the environmentally unfriendly camp Olympia Reisen had erected, removed numerous truckloads of accumulated rubbish, and began a series of ecological impact assessments before opening a new Skeleton Coast Camp in April 2000. Since Wilderness Safaris was awarded the tender in 2003 they have also initiated several wildlife research projects to assess the best way to protect the concession area

Tour Brief – October 2011

SKY CALENDAR -- NOVEMBER 2011

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- 1 Mercury 2.0° SSW of Venus (20° from Sun, evening sky) at 23h UT. Mags. -0.3 and -3.9.
- 2 First Quarter Moon at 16:38 UT.
- 8 Moon at apogee (farthest from Earth) at 13h UT (distance 406,177 km; angular size 29.4').
- 9 Moon near Jupiter (evening sky) at 17h UT. Mag. -2.9.
- 10 Mercury, Venus and Antares within 3.9° circle (22° from Sun) at 11h UT. Mags. -0.3, -3.9 and +1.0.



- 10 Full Moon at 20:16 UT.
 - [Full Moon Names](#) (Wikipedia)
- 11 Mars 1.3° NNE of Regulus (78° from Sun, morning sky) at 1h UT. Mags. +1.0 and +1.4.
- 11 Moon near the Pleiades (evening sky) at 21h UT.
 - [Pleiades \(star cluster\)](#) (Wikipedia)
- 12 Taurid (north) meteor shower peaks. Active between 20 Oct and 10 Dec. Associated with Comet 2P/Encke. May produce the occasional bright fireball, also called Halloween fireballs.
 - [The Taurids](#) (Gary Kronk)
 - [The Northern Taurids](#) (IMO)
- 12 Moon near Aldebaran (evening sky) at 18h UT.
- 14 Saturn 4.3° NNE of Spica (28° from Sun, morning sky) at 7h UT. Mags. +0.7 and +1.0.
- 14 Mercury at greatest elongation, 23° east from Sun (morning sky) at 8h UT. Mag. -0.2.
- 17 Moon near Beehive cluster (morning sky) at 4h UT.
- 18 Leonid meteor shower peaks at 4h UT. Arises from debris ejected by Comet Tempel-Tuttle in 1533. Expect about 25 to 30 meteors per hour under dark skies.
 - [The Leonids](#) (Gary Kronk)
 - [The Leonids](#) (IMO)
- 18 Last Quarter Moon at 15:09 UT.
- 18 Moon near Regulus (morning sky) at 23h UT.
- 19 Moon near Mars (morning sky) at 4h UT. Mag. +0.9.
- 22 Moon near Spica (evening sky) at 18h UT.
- 22 Moon near Saturn (evening sky) at 20h UT.
- 23 Moon at perigee (closest to Earth) at 23h UT (359,691 km; 33.2').
- 25 New Moon at 6:10 UT. Start of lunation 1100.
- 27 Moon near Venus (25° from Sun, morning sky) at 3h UT. Mag. -3.9.

All times Universal Time (UT). SA Standard Time = UT + 2 hours.

TWO LIONESSES TRANSLOCATED TO LIUWA PLAIN

As part of the long-awaited bid to ensure a viable pride of lions at Liuwa Plain National Park, two young lionesses were captured in Kafue National Park last week and translocated to Liuwa. It is hoped that the youngsters will prove to be the catalyst for a thriving lion population once more in this 366 000 hectare national park.

The tale of *The Last Lioness* – captured in an award-winning documentary – highlights the demise of Liuwa's once thriving lion population and documents the solitary life of Lady Liuwa, the only lion remaining within this vast floodplain ecosystem in western Zambia. In a hopeful ending, the film documents the introduction of two male lions whose courtship with Lady Liuwa would end her lonely vigil and result in litters of cubs being born on the Liuwa plains. Sadly, despite



responding enthusiastically to her companions and engaging in copious mating activity, she failed to produce any cubs over an 18 month period. By the end of 2010, despite Lady Liuwa's worldwide fame, the prospects of a viable lion population at Liuwa once again seemed dire.

In mid-2011, African Parks took the decision that the introduction of new lionesses was the only option to ensure the continuance of lions in Liuwa, despite the potential threat that new females could pose to the now aging Lady Liuwa. After obtaining permission from the Zambian Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) to capture two young lionesses at Kafue National Park, the hunt was on to identify a suitable pair. The Zambian Carnivore Programme, led by Dr Matt Becker, assisted with an advance team in the search process and several different prides were monitored, before a suitable pride was found on the western bank of the Kafue River.

The two young lionesses finally selected were part of a pride comprising three adult lionesses and nine cubs, two of which were deemed to be the appropriate age of 1.5 – 2 years old. It had been decided to introduce youngsters to reduce the threat to Lady Liuwa and also to ensure that they learned appropriate hunting behaviour from the veteran. Explains Dr Anthony Hall-Martin, conservation director of African Parks: "Lady Liuwa has demonstrated over many years that she can live in harmony with human activity, which is vitally important in an open system such as Liuwa, and we want her to teach the youngsters to hunt wildlife whilst avoiding people and cattle."

The two young lionesses were captured on October 18th and driven overnight to Kalabo village on the outskirts of Liuwa Plain where they were transferred to an open truck and driven into the park. Once safely ensconced in their new boma, it took them two days to finally eat their first meal. A special license was granted to shoot wildebeest and the youngsters are currently enjoying their ready-made meals and surveying their surroundings from their enclosure.

Liuwa park manager Raquel Seybert says the newcomers have not yet met Lady Liuwa and her two consorts and the Liuwa team is eagerly awaiting the interaction. "We are keeping our fingers crossed because it is vital that the existing lions bond with the new females. Obviously the introduction of the two lionesses is a risky venture and we cannot be guaranteed of the outcome. This project will be rated a success only once new cubs are born."

The lionesses will be held in their boma for at least two months in order to adjust to their surroundings and Liuwa's resident three lions, and further developments will be reported. Film company Aquavision is recording proceedings as part of a planned sequel to *The Last Lioness*, which will ideally end in the birth of lion cubs at Liuwa for the first time in over a decade.

African Parks would like to thank the following contributors to the lion translocation:

- ZAWA Kafue National Park Team and ZAWA wildlife vets Dr. Matandiko and Dr. Squarre for their help in securing the appropriate permits on time, plus their technical support during the translocation.
- Matt Becker, CEO of the Zambian Carnivore Program and his Kafue National Park team-member, Robin Lines, for their dedication and thoroughness in finding the most appropriate lionesses for Liuwa.
- Mukambi Lodge, in Kafue National Park, for their excellent logistical support.
- Wildlife vet Dr. Ian Parson for his consistent professional support.

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NEW ISUZU BAKKIE HITS THE ROAD

Just yesterday, at its Joburg motor show press conference, a GMSA spokesperson hinted at the next Isuzu KB bakkie range. Although no details or pictures were supplied, we did find out that the new bakkie range would be built in South Africa for local consumption and export to sub-Saharan Africa and that a wide range of models will be offered.

Less than a day later, we've come across the first official pictures and information on this all new KB, which has just been unveiled in Thailand. Ignore that silly 'D-Max' name on the number plates - that's what they call it in that part of the world. GMSA has since confirmed that the new bakkie will be launched in South Africa during the first half of 2013.

The new Isuzu is based on the recently unveiled Chevrolet Colorado bakkie, but has unique front and rear styling and some interior modifications. This new KB looks decidedly tougher and more modern than the current one - something it needs to compete with rivals like the Amarok, Hilux and new Ranger in the hotly contested bakkie market.

While local specifications are still far from being confirmed, the engine range will likely mirror the Thai model, which offers the choice of three turbodiesel engines. These include two 2.5-litre units with output levels of 87kW/280Nm and 101kW/320Nm and a 3-litre that's good for 132kW/380Nm. A five-speed manual gearbox will be fitted to most models, with some offering a five-speed automatic in place of today's outdated four-speed unit.

The new range offers the usual choice between single cab, extended cab and double cab bodies and 4x2 and 4x4 drivetrains. Isuzu also claims that the body is 42 percent stiffer than before. This Isuzu also features car-like active safety features like traction control.

Choosing a new bakkie is going to be harder than ever. Which one do you have your eyes on?

ZIMBABWE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2012

The following public holidays have been announced for Zimbabwe in 2012:

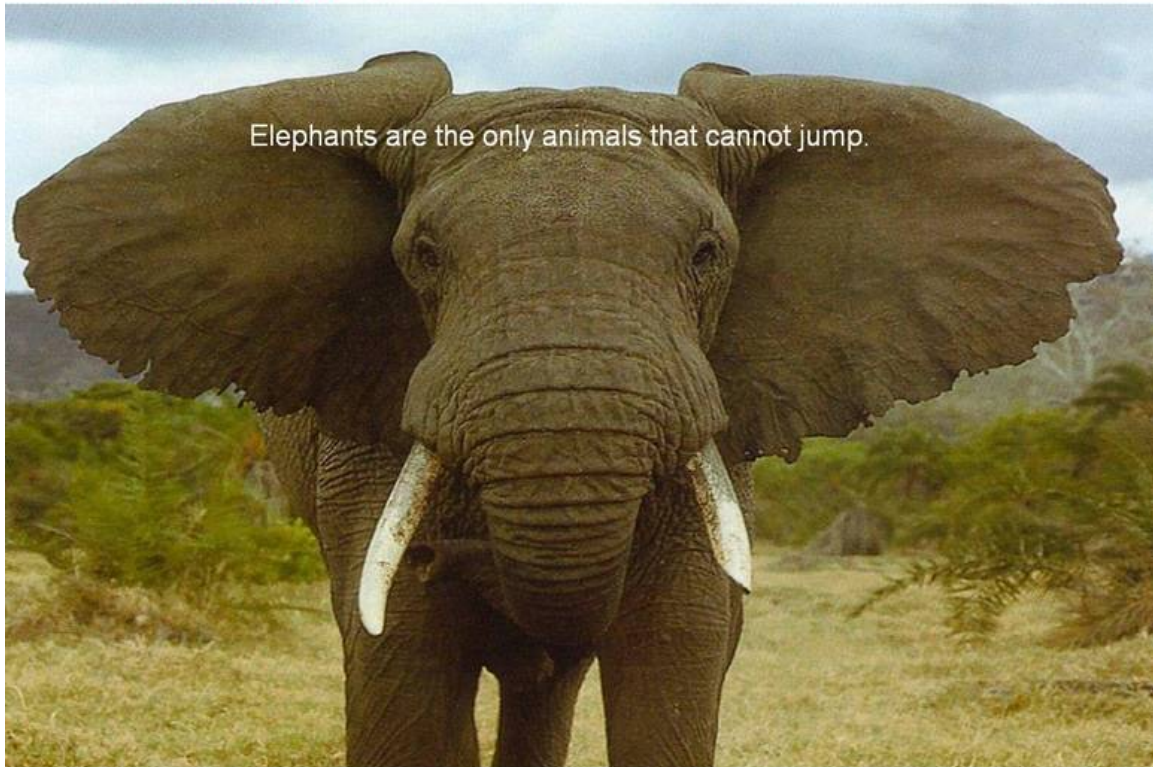
- 1 January (Sunday): New Year's Day
- 2 January (Monday) Public Holiday
- 6 April Good Friday
- 7 April Easter Saturday
- 8 April Easter Sunday
- 9 April Easter Monday
- 18 April (Wednesday) Independence Day
- 1 May (Tuesday) Workers Day
- 25 May (Friday) Africa Day
- 13 August (Monday) Heroes Day
- 14 August (Tuesday) Defence Forces Day
- 22 December (Saturday) National Unity Day
- 25 December (Tuesday) Christmas Day
- 26 December (Wednesday) Boxing Day



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Our programme is designed as a once a month weekend away (excluding December), for practical lectures and contacts, game drives and learning fun. The standard course should also not eat into your personal annual leave structures either, allowing you to still take that much deserved holiday with the family.

All of our lessons take place in the bush (fortunately there are no Jo'burg classrooms involved, we are all about being in the bush), and will be prescribed at the beginning of the course with details of accommodation, catering and venues, what to bring and what we will be doing. Some portions of the course will be totally self catered, with your own tent and camping facilities. Others will be in our little bush camp here at Entabeni Nature Guide Training and might then be fully catered.

The course is to be taken as a package, but some of the individual components will also be available to interested parties. The aim of the course is to have a programme available for those who love being in the bush, but have busy lives to live with work hours which may not be entirely flexible.

You can start the course at any time of the year, and just continue through to the next year at the same time. If you have chosen to register with FGASA you will need to write at one of the three national sittings, either in March, July or October. As mentioned, you may do this here with us, or even register to write nearer to your home, for example in Johannesburg at the FGASA office itself.

To do this course you need to be prepared to camp on some of the weekends, and be thus equipped with the basic lightweight camping gear, sleeping mattress or camp cot and own a suitable day pack or back-pack and have a mild to moderate level of fitness as some of the components will be on foot, and be a nature enthusiast with an interest in learning some of the finer details with some of the most qualified and enthusiastic nature trainers around!

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This course is designed especially for you, and will give you the opportunity to have direct access to the African bush, at a cost effective price and easy payment terms. It will also put you in touch with professional guides and allow you to build your own personal portfolio of guiding experience, improve your knowledge and enhance your bush holidays for years to come. Most weekends start on Friday late afternoon, so be prepared to escape from work a little early on Friday to escape the traffic! All weekends away end on Sunday late afternoon.

Pricing and payment terms

NB. You can start in any month of the year!!

The course will cost R19 000 (for applicants starting from January to March of 2012 paid in three instalments, at commencement, in the third month and in the sixth month of your course)

Including:

- 11 weekends away in the bush with us (mostly at Entabeni but with some exceptions),
- A three day FGASA exam preparation time,
- A three day FGASA practical assessment time,
- A FGASA practical assessment,
- all lectures,
- selected catering as per set programme,
- tented accommodation on weekends as prescribed per course information,
- safari experiences,
- walking experiences,
- professional lecturers,
- email access to lecturers for any questions which need answering,
- learning materials for the course and course notes,
- a field guide which will apply to the areas we visit (selected at our discretion)

Excluding:

- travel to venues,
- all FGASA fees (optional),
- FGASA manuals and prescribed workbooks (optional),
- vehicle and per person entry fees (if applicable- such as in the case of a reserve such as Klaserie),
- catering on self catered weekends as per programme,
- tented accommodation on self catered weekends,
- personal snacks and alcoholic drinks etc
- appropriate bush clothing as per lists supplied

There is no prescribed level of knowledge to start the course with us. You just need to be prepared to learn new things, and be out in some of the truly wild places of South Africa. We will use several different venues during the year, but all are of an excellent standard. **WARNING:** Be prepared to have an amazing year.

For further information about this and other courses please feel free to email us on lee@natureguidetraining.com or sarah@natureguidetraining.com or phone us on (015) 453 0645.



SOUTH AFRICA'S ONLY DEADLY SPIDER

September 26, 2011, By: [Tom Van der Zee](#)

The slightly less poisonous brown button spider **Tom van der Zee, author of *Stings, Bites, Poisons and Spikes*, discusses some amazing spiders from other parts of the world, and then how to recognise, avoid and treat the bite of South Africa's only deadly spider. Read more.**

Spiders (*Arachnida*) are some of the most abundant predators in the world, having adapted to most habitats in fascinating ways. *Argyroneta aquatica*, the Diving Bell Spider of Europe and Asia, lives its entire life underwater. It spins a bell-shaped web which it fills with air, and then lives off this air and air sacs on its hairy body because it cannot separate oxygen from water.

Then there's *Myrmarachne plataleoides*, the Ant-like Jumper, which mimics the weaver ant of Southeast Asia – almost exactly! Closer to home there are many species of spider found in South Africa, but while many people are terrified of any and all spiders, only one has the potential to be deadly poisonous, and even so, less than 5% of bites have resulted in death – and none in recent history.

The black button spider (of the genus *Latrodectus*) is known elsewhere in the world as the black widow spider because the female most often kills the much smaller male after mating.

Recognise

The shape of button spiders is relatively easy to recognise, particularly the larger females which have round abdomens and thin legs, with the third pair of legs being the shortest. Their colour and markings on the abdomen and the underside of the abdomen vary greatly and are less clear in adult females.

There are four species of black button spider. They are black with red patterns on top of the body and those markings vary between species from stripes to spots. In adult females the markings become less distinct. There are no markings on the underside of the abdomen in adults. The egg sacs in all four species are creamy-white, round and smooth. Black button spiders are widely distributed throughout South Africa.

There are two species of brown button spider in Southern Africa, which look similar to black button spiders, but are less venomous. Their colour varies from cream, grey and brown to black, and the underside has a red/brown hourglass marking. People are sometimes confused when they see the hourglass marking because in Europe and America the most poisonous species of *Latrodectus* also have this marking.

Female (left) and male (right) black button spiders

The female builds a web of irregular, tangled, sticky silken fibres, normally close to the ground in bushes or under debris such as building rubble or window sills. After mating she then produces eggs during summer and attaches them to her web. Spiderlings hatch a week or two later and are blown around by wind until they settle and build their own webs. They have very poor eyesight



and depend on vibrations reaching them through their webs to find trapped prey or warn them of larger threats.

Avoid

It is comforting to know that almost all spiders avoid human contact as much as they can. It is only when they are touched, hurt, cornered, or otherwise feel threatened, that they consider biting. Even in those situations, many spiders' mouth parts are not big enough or developed enough to bite people.

The black and brown button spiders are normally found in dark corners or hidden from sunlight, and most accidents occur when people lift objects or plants that the spider is hiding under. If the spider is hurt in the process it will bite in self-defence. When molested in their webs, they often pretend to be dead and roll up into a ball. If picked up while pretending to be dead they may bite.

Treatment

How a person will be affected by a spider bite depends on a number of factors including the species of spider, the age and health of the person bitten, where the bite occurs (extremities are usually less dangerous than closer to the heart and brain), and how sensitive the bite victim is to spider bites.

Similar to snakes, spider venom can be divided into two types. Neurotoxic venom affects the central nervous system, and cytotoxic venom affects the tissue around the bite site.

Black and brown button spiders inject neurotoxic venom but the more poisonous of the two is the black button. There are no recorded fatalities in recent history - but young, old, and infirm people are most at risk, especially without treatment.

There is the possibility of the victim dying of respiratory failure, heart failure or both. Symptoms include a distinctive and painful bite area, painful muscle cramps, a contorted, flushed and sweaty face with swollen eyelids, inflamed lips and contracted jaw muscles. Symptoms from brown widow bites are usually less severe and more restricted to the bite site.

If someone you know is bitten you should keep them calm and warm. They must be taken to hospital where antivenom will be administered if the bite is severe. They will usually respond within half an hour, and they should then remain in hospital for observation until the doctors are sure that there is no allergic reaction to the antivenom. If the bite is not severe they will probably be given intravenous calcium gluconate to relieve cramping and muscle pains.

For more information on snakes, spiders, scorpions, bluebottles, and many other animals, email tomvanderzee@yahoo.co.uk to order a copy of the book *Stings, Bites, Poisons and Spikes* for only R60 (normal price R80).

DAKAR HILUXES TACKLE WALVIS DUNES

By Motoring Staff – IOL

But, like New York, if you can make it there you can make it anywhere, so yesterday Glyn Hall and the works Toyota team for the 2012 Dakar Rally tested the two Racing Hilux V8 bakkies against the tallest, steepest dunes in sub-Saharan Africa - and both drivers came away grinning. It wasn't all fun; they spent most of the day calibrating the sophisticated telemetric systems to



conditions similar to those expected in the Atacama desert of Chile, the toughest section of the Dakar route.

The new, self adjusting, engine mapping was a big hit with drivers Giniel de Villiers and Duncan Vos, as each made a number of runs specifically to gather data which would enable the experts to analyse the performance of the various systems.

Vos had his first run in proper dunes where he indulged in the Hilux's abundant power to the delight of the attending photographers and cameramen. If the size and duration of the grin on Duncan's face were anything to go by, this first dune test went a lot better than expected.

Today (Friday) the team will move camp nearer to a rough section of gravel road where they will test the Hiluxes' suspension, which will be the main focus of the team's efforts. Data collected today will be analysed and implemented tomorrow to recalibrate the suspension of the Hiluxes.

THE HARDER YOU TRY, THE DEEPER YOU GET STUCK

As most of the locations in Namibia are very remote, being safe when driving a 4x4 is essential. According to the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, the most causes of accidents are pedestrians who do not take responsibility for their own safety as well as drivers who lose control of their vehicles due to speed, drunk driving and poor road conditions.

According to Mark Stoffberg, Hertz Tour Operator Executive, these accidents are on the rise. "The number of fatalities as well as injuries has increased substantially over the last few years" Stoffberg says.

While you don't always have control over these elements, there are a few things you can do to be more **road savvy**. The following general safety measures should be taken while driving across Namibia, as compiled by Hertz:

- Familiarise yourself with all the **technical features** of your vehicle.
- When hiring a 4x4, insist that the rental company staff explains all the aspects of the vehicle before driving off.
- **Seatbelts** should be worn at all times (both front & rear).
- Do not underestimate the midday heat and long distances between towns and carry enough water and snacks with you. Also note the filling stations are few and far in between - ensure that you always have **sufficient fuel** in the tank.
- Ensure that you rent a vehicle with a suitably high ground clearance (e.g. SUV or 4x4 or Kombi) if you intend to travel to remote areas such as Sossusvlei; Twyfelfontein, Keetmanshoop ; and Skeleton Coast.
- After the summer rainfalls in Namibia the gravel roads tend to be in a poor condition, as all the topsoil has been washed away and a lot of loose rocks are strewn all over.
- Drastically **reduce your speed** on bumpy gravel roads, so as to avoid stones damaging the under carriage of your vehicle.

NAMIBIA'S NEW TOURISM STRATEGY

The new tourism strategy seeks between 1,340 and 6,490 additional direct jobs by 2014, under various growth projections. The strategy contains the standard mix of marketing messages, communication channels (now with the inclusion of social media) and product development. It



also contains difficult elements: flights, emigration aspects and industry regulation. Other key aspects include strengthening the culture of service, tourism awareness and transformation.

The numbers appear feasible, but there are obstacles to the upper range of 6,490 additional direct jobs by 2014 at a yearly growth rate of nine per cent. The austerity budgets rolling out across the Eurozone are a serious threat. As Angola moves towards a better investment environment, it is likely that 'shopping and medical tourism' will begin to decline rapidly. The first steps of penetrating other markets, particularly the Chinese market, will not pay off immediately. And, just a few months away, at the beginning of the next Namibian high season, sunny London will host the Olympics.

At this point, a high growth expectation does not appear sustainable. In fact, the more prudent approach would be to take into account the contraction of the tourism industry, particularly worrying closures of established, older lodges. This will lead to the knowledge that the first priority should be to protect and nurture the industry as it now stands, and preserve it for the better years that lie ahead.

Growth that replaces old lodges with new lodges is not growth, just substitution, and it is quite likely not sustainable. Although Tour Brief strongly advocates the goal of community based tourism and lodges, it is also important to note that a community owned lodge which fails due to inexperience and a depressed market can be a disastrous loss to the community, which will be burdened with the operational costs (even if the finance comes at little or no cost), and disillusioned by operational difficulties.

Local operators and overseas wholesalers should be of particular concern at this point. Their groups are a steady, established revenue stream. The consumer cultures from which they draw, are known and understood not just by them, but also by guides, activity operators and accommodation establishments. Their marketing is established, ongoing and informed by experience, but they could do with support. New lodges will also be dependent on marketing and group arrivals sourced from local operators and overseas wholesalers, and this is how their futures will be strengthened.

This does not mean that the fruits of new markets should not be a target. Tourism professionals know that new markets take years to penetrate and grow, so now is a good time to use marketing resources for the early phases of market penetration.

Tourism development needs to move swiftly, but not in a rush. Work needs to be done now, for numbers that will only come later.

The underpinnings of a successful strategy for the future

One of the most difficult questions the Namibian industry has to face is the choice of high volume or high value. It is tempting to try for both, but it is not reasonable.

The major problems for Namibia, from the mass tourism point of view, are damage to the environment, water, more flights, and roads to carry 50+ seater buses. South Africa is already doing mass tourism and occupies that marketing niche, so following a mass tourism strategy will be all the more difficult, especially as South Africa can offer lower prices without the expectation of exceptional service.



A high-value, low-volume strategy makes a lot of sense for Namibia. Aside from the issues of the environment, water and roads, it also justifies the cost of a visit to Namibia: many of Namibia's showcase lodges are expensive because of their location and the operational expense of their day-to-day operations.

If planned and executed well, the strategy can bring in the revenue, and can generate employment through higher staff numbers serving fewer guests, without damaging the environment or requiring huge investments in infrastructure and pressure on water reserves.

This strategy has worked for Botswana. Namibia offers a different set of attractions, so the strategy should be effective here, without the need to convince the market that Namibia is a better choice than Botswana.

Whatever the choice, clarity is needed on this element of the strategy for Namibian enterprises to plan for the future.

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CLIMBING KILIMANJARO – INTERSTING INFORMATION:

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MEMELA ADVENTURE'S, KOSI BAY

Customized guided adventure's on foot or 4x4. *Sodwana to Kosi mouth (min 2pax and max 10pax). The adventure's can be customized into a...

- guided walking or 4x4 adventure
- diving and snorkelling



- fly fish or light weight spinning for game fish
- nature guided tour ex. Game, birding, marine and fauna & flora
- cultural tour ex. Traditions, crafts, food and dance
- go big or go home trip

First night venue and safe car park depending on package will be informed when inquiring a package.

1st day –transfer to Sodwana start with beach walk/drive to Lake Sibiya “Lunch & splash on the banks of the lake- afternoon forest walk/drive to campsite Mbibi “Night in tents” snorkelling at hotspots

2nd day –beach walk/drive to Lalanek - “Lunch on the beach” pristine snorkelling on low tides – short walk/drive savannah hills to Gugulesizwe “Night in zulu huts” drumming around the fire and traditional food.

Optional activity-zulu kids dancing / traditional homestead @R200pp / guided quad bike rides @ R250pp

3rd day- beach walk/drive to blackrock-“Lunch on the beach” good to pristine snorkelling- short walk/drive over savannah hills to Memela bush lodge “night in Mozambique style chalets” sundowners at hippo pools and boma dinner.

Additional activity-ocean experience out at sea with pristine snorkelling and large sea mammals encounters in seasonal activity’s like turtles, whales, whale sharks, manta ray’s and dolphins @R375pp on availability (not guaranteed till night before)

4th day- savannah and forest walk/drive to- “Manzimnyama forest camp” afternoon guided walk in raffia forest. “Night in bungalows” boma fire dinner. Optional activity- makorro style safari on 4th lake @R200pp on availability (not guaranteed till night before)

5th day- forest walk/drive to Banganek-“lunch on banks of lakes”- walk/drive along lake to Kosibay lodge “night in safari tented chalets or A-frames on availability” Additional activity- guided lake safari on boat through lake system, snorkelling in shallow water and introduction to fishing of the lakes and guided tour inside the fish traps @R350pp

6th day- forest walk/drive along the lakes-“lunch at Utswhayelo”-afternoon walk/drive to Kosi mouth , Snorkelling at the mouth. “night in chalets or tents depending on availability”

7th day -depart with a memory of a lifetime.

Hikers should be healthy and reasonably fit, there will be a 4x4 backup vehicle where hikers can jump on and get transferred to the next point should they get tired, and will still have the opportunity to enjoy the adventure’s. In hot summer months the adventure’s will still continue without walking due to extreme temperature’s, it will be an adventure trail in 4x4 doing all the activity’s .



All diving, snorkelling and water activities will be depending on the conditions of the ocean, weather and tide's which will be decided on the day. We will also at the spur of the moment adjust the hike to suite activities like low tide snorkelling , ocean safari's, makorro safari's and then continue with the normal hike.

Gear - bring own snorkelling/fishing gear if you have.

- snorkel gear hire @ R250 for the whole trip
- fishing gear hire @ R750 for the whole trip "include tackle & bait"

Basic indemnity rules apply and forms will be singed on arrival. Fresh drinking water and juice with meals will be supplied free of charge. Drinks and special preferred drinks like good wine and spirits can be brought along by guests. There will be a basic cash bar's at the camps and one on ice travelling along . Drink preferences can be placed on booking inquiry.

Prices incl:

- Reserve entry permits
- Fresh & safe drinking water
- Transfers , guides , camp hands
- Food and accommodation
- All tents and linen needed

Bring along: Insect repellent of choice, Head lamps and torches, Own toiletries, Snacks of choice, Snorkelling & fishing gear.

Bag limit: 1 x backpack size bag per person, 1 x small toiletry bag per person, 1x day bag for water & snacks.

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JEOP'S NEW DIESEL IS 'AFRICA TOUGH'

By Motoring Staff - IOL

In the days when a Jeep was issued, not sold, it was your basic go-anywhere go-kart, with all the comfort and luxury of a powered skateboard. These days there are off-roaders that'll take you almost anywhere a Wrangler can, in leather-upholstered, air-conditioned luxury, and the Wrangler has had to up its game.

So, for 2012 the open-top icon that, for many people, is still the 'real Jeep' gets a new, more efficient turbodiesel and an all-new interior, while leaving the distinctive exterior styling almost untouched - Chrysler has already learned to its cost not to mess with success.

A new 2.8-litre 'Cheetah' engine replaces the previous 'Panther' diesel; it comes with impressive credentials, notably 147kW (12 percent better than the previous model) and 460Nm of stump-pulling, rock-climbing torque, when mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. It has also been 'Africa tuned' for the South African market and is quite happy on a diet of 500ppm diesel - one of the few current-generation diesels that is - while returning a claimed 8.1 litres per 100km and emitting 213g/km of CO2.



It drives all four wheels through a second-generation Command-Trac NV241 part-time, two-speed transfer case with a 2.72:1 low-range gear ratio - which means that if it can get a grip it'll go up the side of a house. The all-steel body - in two-door Wrangler and four-door Wrangler Unlimited format - hasn't changed; it still has solid axles, removable doors with exposed hinges, a removable hard-top and fold-down windshield; the Wrangler is still the ultimate bush buggy with its signature seven-slot grille, classic round headlights and trapezoid wheel arches

In fact the only exterior change is that the hard top is now body-colour instead of as-moulded black - which is by no means as simple as it sounds because the painting processes for the steel body and the composite hard top are totally different.

The interior, however, is a whole new story with a redesigned instrument panel, upgraded materials, improved ergonomics, new storage areas and a larger rear window for improved visibility.

There's a new, lockable console, 12-volt accessory outlets and auto aircon in a redesigned centre stack that's easier to reach and operate, while upgraded door armrests provide a comfortable place to brace your elbows across the rough stuff.

New steering-wheel controls allow the driver to operate the radio and cruise control without taking their hands off the wheel, and the cabin has more acoustical treatment to reduce interior noise.

But this is still a Jeep Wrangler, so it's all held together by hex-head bolts rather than hidden clips; even the 'Jeep, Since 1941' inlay on the passenger grab handle is bolted in place. Standard equipment includes tyre pressure monitoring and a switchable electronic stability programme with traction control, hill hold, roll mitigation and a trailer anti-sway function.

PRICES:

Wrangler 2.8L CRD Sahara - R394 990

Wrangler Unlimited 2.8L CRD Sahara - R419 990

LAST 4x4 OVERLAND TRAIL COURSE FOR 2012

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

LOUIS TRICHARDT COURSE FROM WEDNESDAY, 09 (19:00) NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2011

The training course is comprehensive and subscribes to the highest guide and industry ethics and codes of conduct. The course is designed to accommodate any level of experience. Every person that completes this training course successfully SHOULD BE a better Trails and Overland Tourist Guide and a benefit to the RSA tourism industry. The Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Course covers all aspects of being a Trail and Overland Adventure Tourist Guide – 4x4 Driver Training terminologies; 4x4 Vehicle Recovery terminologies; Environmental Aspects; General Guiding Aspects; Expedition Planning and Organisation; Border Post Formalities, Navigation; Communications; First Aid (African diseases are covered); Basic Survival Skills; Bush Cooking - Safety and Hygiene; etc. Wherever possible, ***Masazane Expeditions*** also include various



lectures from various specialists in their fields on subjects of interest to us as Trails and Overland Tourist Guides – Snakes; Scorpions; Insurance; Marketing; etc.

Please bear in mind that this course is **not a 4x4 driving training course but a tourist guide course**. It must be noted here that the Unit Standards for 4x4 driving have been registered - 254135 (standard) and 254154 (advanced) - and competence for these US must be acquired in order to be 4x4 Tourist Guides. The course is designed around the assumption that you already can drive a 4x4 vehicle and/or are familiar with 4x4 terminologies. Since the 4x4 Driver Training US was registered in November 2008, **all persons wishing to attend the Trails and Overland Tourist Guide Course must be able to provide certified copies of a 254135 and 254154 competence certificate, i.e. basic as well as advanced 4x4 driving, from a reputable driving school/organisation.** Please contact Tinus Botha of **African Offroad Academy** (AOA) to attend a course or for a *Recognition of Prior Learning* (RPL) process - tinus@africanoffroad.co.za or 018 462 2587 or 082 476 7630.

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

As you can see this is a very diverse course and covers a wide variety of subjects. Much hard work is anticipated. We will try and make the course as comfortable as possible but you must realise that we may be busy right into the evenings to be able to complete everything in a timely fashion. Please note that lectures may continue after supper, depending on how far we progress and how many questions/discussions there are. **Masazane Expeditions** tries to involve everybody as much as possible.

Please remember that one of the prerequisites to registration with the DEAT is a VALID First Aid Certificate. If you do not already have such a qualification please make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. The minimum requirement by law is Level I but we recommend at least Level II due to the environment that most of the guiding takes place. **Please bear in mind that you CANNOT/WILL NOT be registered before DEAT receives this document!!**

You do not have to complete the First Aid Course before doing our course but it should be completed as soon as possible because you cannot be registered without a valid First Aid Certificate. It is also important to note that your First Aid Certificate must be valid for at least one (1) full year when we register you at DEAT - this is a DEAT regulation. First Aid Courses can be completed by any of the following organisations (as examples) – the organisation **MUST** be registered by the Department of Labour and this registration number must appear on the certificate:

SA First Aid League:

Contact Number 012 333 0144 or 011 787 5873 (for your nearest branch and/or courses)

Red Cross:

Contact Number 012 323 1493 (for your nearest branch and/or courses)



St. John's Ambulance:

Contact Number 012 324 1620 (for your nearest branch and/or courses)

VENUE AND COST:

Masazane Expeditions will present the courses as follows:

LOUIS TRICHARDT COURSE AT *CAMP AFRICA*(LOUIS TRICHARDT) FROM WEDNESDAY, 09 (19:00)NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY,13 NOVEMBER 2011 - COST FOR COURSE = R4 500 per person.

Contact Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za for more details or questions on any of our exciting adventures. You may also visit www.masazane.co.za.

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LYNX 4x4 MOVES PREMISES

Dear Valued Customers and Suppliers,

We like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the years of our existence. We are fortunate in these tough economic times to have grown to such an extent that a bigger premises has become a necessity to enhance our production. We could not have done this without your support.

Kindly take note of our new contact details:

Our new physical address as from 1st of November 2011

3 Van Der Bijl Street, Meyerton, 1961

Our new telephone number as from 1st of November 2011

0861 LYNX4X4 (5969494) - (Our Neotel numbers will be ported to above mentioned number)

We thank you for your continuous support and strive for a promising future relationship .

Lynx Greetings,

CW Pearce (Managing Member)

Email: forfours@absamail.co.za / sales@lynx4x4.co.za / admin@lynx4x4.co.za /

TAG & RELEASE EXPLAINED

Catch and release is a practice within recreational fishing intended as a technique of conservation. After capture, the fish are unhooked and returned to the water before experiencing serious exhaustion or injury. Using barbless hooks, it is often possible to release the fish without removing it from the water (a slack line is frequently sufficient).

In the United Kingdom, catch and release has been performed for more than a century by coarse fishermen in order to prevent target species from disappearing in heavily fished waters. Since the latter part of the 20th century, many salmon and sea trout rivers have been converted to complete or partial catch and release.

In the United States, catch and release was first introduced as a management tool in the state of



Michigan in 1952 as an effort to reduce the cost of stocking hatchery-raised trout. Anglers fishing for fun rather than for food accepted the idea of releasing the fish while fishing in so-called "no-kill" zones.

Conservationists have advocated catch and release as a way to ensure sustainability and to avoid overfishing of fish stocks.

In Australia, catch and release caught on slowly, with some pioneers practicing it in the 1960s, and the practice slowly became more widespread in the 1970s and 1980s. Catch and release is now widely used to conserve — and indeed is critical in conserving — vulnerable fish species like the large, long lived native freshwater Murray Cod and the prized, slowly growing, heavily fished Australian Bass, heavily fished coastal species like Dusky Flathead and prized gamefish like Striped Marlin.

In the Republic of Ireland, catch and release has been used as a conservation tool for Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout fisheries since 2003. A number of fisheries now have mandatory catch and release regulations. Catch and release for coarse fish has been used by sport anglers for as long as these species have been fished for on this island. However catch and release for Atlantic salmon has required a huge turn about in how many anglers viewed the salmon angling resource. In Canada, catch and release is mandatory for some species. Canada also requires, in some cases, the use of barbless hooks to facilitate release and minimize injury.

In Switzerland, catch and release fishing is considered inhumane and is now banned. Tag and release is a form of catch and release fishing in which the angler attaches a tag to the fish, records data such as date, time, place, and type of fish on a standardized post card, and submits this card to a fisheries agency or conservation organization. Anglers who catch tagged fish report their location, date, and time, as well as the tag number to established points of contact.

Conceived and initiated by Oceanographic Research Institute of South Africa in 1984, this nation-wide tagging project is one of the longest running and most successful projects of its kind, with voluntary participation by recreational anglers, commercial fishers, scientists and resource managers. Tag and recapture data provides valuable information on fish movement patterns, growth, fishing mortality and stock size. These scientific data are used in biological studies and stock assessments of marine linefish by scientists around the country and thereby underpin conservation measures. Tagging is focussed on priority species and the best available tagging equipment is used. Much focus is placed on the capture and handling of fish to ensure their greatest chance of survival.

Bhejane 4X4 Adventures
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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.

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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

- All hotel and lodge accommodation
- All camp fees
- Three meals a day
- All park entrance fees
- All advertised activities
- Bhejane Adventures provides tents, cutlery and crockery
- Coffee & tea – all day every day whilst in camp

Children

Children under the age of ten years @ 50%

What you need to bring

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

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From the Tracks – Reader Feedback

READER OFFER

Good day Alan,

I write to you to enquire about an ad in your E-Zine, regarding a service we offer, of course at a discount to paid up members.

Battery World Wynberg offers all automotive, and more importantly for your members, Deep & High Cycle batteries at an amazing price.

We also support the "SAVE THE RHINO" campaign and will consider contributing R 10-00 for each battery sold to your club members.

Regards
Emile Barnard
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+2786 697 0985

SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE

PRIZE WON:

Hi

I would like to thank Lizette and yourself for the great weekend we had at Maliba Lodge in Lesotho (prize I won at the cheese and wine function).

This is a stunning place and the mountains are beautiful. The Maliba Lodge staff are very friendly and go out of their way to make your stay pleasant. We thoroughly enjoyed it and would recommend Maliba Lodge to anyone going to Lesotho

Regards
Corrie van Rooyen - Centurion

FOAM SERVICES:

Hi Alan

I recently purchased a new mattress for my rooftop tent from Foam Factory in Sunderland Ridge. Their recommendation with regards to combination of foam densities was spot on. Their service is very quick, very friendly and they delivered according to the commitment they made. I can recommend them for mattress supply.

Contact Alida at Foam Factory - alida@foamfactory.co.za / <http://www.foamfactory.co.za>



READER FEEDBACK

Hi Alan

*Thanks once more for a spectacular monthly magazine, jam packed with some very interesting and exclusive articles. We admire your dedicated effort and energy which you invest in this fantastic service which you so kindly deliver on a monthly basis to the 4x4 industry. The articles are not only interesting, but many of them are of educational value. We hope to be with the privileged ones out there who can enjoy your magazine for a long time to come. Keep up the momentum,
The Training Connection team*

Hi

Thanks for the informative newsletter (as always), kudos for having done this and moved! Proof that men can multi-task..

Cheers
Steve

Hi Alan

*Many thanks for your E-Zine I highly appreciate it and find it most interesting please keep me on your address list.
Kind Regards
Les Cox*

Hi Alan

Thanks again for your hard work on the Mag. We appreciate it!! Regarding the GPS course offered 19/20 Nov, would you please provide more info.

Thanks
Michael du Preez

*Thank you very much Alan, another cracker of a newsletter.
Kind regards
Jurgen Cobarg*

UNIT STANDARD DRIVER TRAINING COURSE – FEEDBACK FROM LEARNERS

Hi Alan

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to do the Level 1 Driver Training Course during the weekends of the 8th and 23rd of October 2011.

All I can say is "Well done". You made it easy for us in the way you presented the course.

I wish that I could have done this training 21 years ago when I started driving 4x4. Although we gained a lot of experience by trial and error, we also learnt bad habits that could have been prevented. Our old school teachers also did not really know of better so I will not blame them for that.

Fortunately we have learnt over time that we also need to protect our precious environment by improving our driving skills. Not only protecting eco sensitive areas but also having respect for all the places we leave our footprint on. This include having respect for other people as well.



I know that the only way we can change other people's negative attitude about the 4x4 industry is to set an example while interacting with the public. Our good behaviour will earn us the respect that we strive for.

I am sure that there will be many club members that will benefit from attending the course (Jeanette will definitely be on the course for the woman drivers).

Keep up the good work.

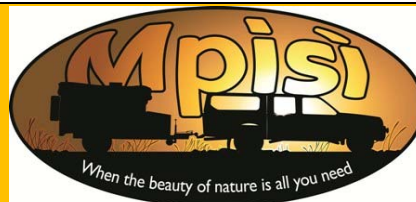
Kind regards
Brian Brynard

Hi Alan

Our sincere thanks for the welcome, the opportunity to moderate, and the lunch offered at Kungwini today. We found the training/assessment to be of the highest quality we have seen so far, and want to congratulate you and Grant on this achievement.

We wish you success for the future and we look forward to a long and prosperous future together in the 4x4 training field.

Kind regards
George and Ariane – The Trainings Connection



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We offer 4x4 Offroad Day and Weekend Trips for the offroad enthusiast who cannot get away for long periods but would like to spend time relaxing in Mother Nature and going to destinations which can only be reached with a 4x4. Come share the experience of 4x4 trails so that enthusiasts can constantly hone their skills in a truly natural 4x4 environment and not only experience man-made 4x4 tracks. We design trips on request to accommodate birders, fauna and flora lovers as well as plan trips to any destination in Southern Africa thus enabling you to gain access into eco sensitive environments and areas with fully qualified guides.

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:

Duncan Kenney (GP3499)
082 600 7177
info@mpisibushsafaris.co.za

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082 657 1252
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UPCOMING TRIPS:

- 12-13 November 2011 4x4 Offroad Basic Driver Training (US254135) accredited
- 25-27 November 2011 Year End/Christmas Camping Weekend
- 16-18 December 2011 4x4 Offroad Basic Driver Training (US254135) accredited

March 2011

Fresh from the Bush – New Products

AFRICA SERIES 2011 3rd EDITION MAPSET NOW AVAILABLE



Africa Series 2011 3rd Edition Mapset DVD Cover



Garmap has launched the latest version of its **Africa Series mapset - 2011 3rd Edition**. This release includes updated versions of popular Garmap mapsets and a **NEW** fully merged mapset: **Garmap Sub-Saharan Africa Streetmaps**, incorporating all the data for South, East, West & Central Africa as well as Mauritius and now includes data for 27 African countries. **Garmap Sub-Saharan Africa Streetmaps** supersedes Garmap Southern Africa Streetmaps.

The Garmap 2011 3rd Edition consists of various Garmap mapsets:

- **Sub-Saharan Africa Streetmaps** – includes Streetmaps for Southern Africa, West and Central Africa, East Africa and Mauritius
- **Southern Africa Topo & Rec** – containing the routable tar and gravel road network for 10 countries in Southern Africa with 20 meter contours
- **Southern Africa DEM** – routable tar and gravel road network for 10 countries in Southern Africa with an enhanced 3D effect
- **South Africa Waterways** – bathometric details of inland and offshore waters covering the South African coastline

All Garmap products are licensed for use with a single Garmin GPS unit only and once unlocked cannot be transferred to another unit.

The Garmap Africa Series 2011 – 3rd Edition Data Only DVD contains the following (no licences are included with this DVD):

- 4 individual mapsets covering 27 African countries
- More than 1.2 Million kilometres of routable coverage
- A massive 3,3 million kilometres of non-routable coverage
- All 9 South African provinces with comprehensive coverage
- Over half a million Points of Interest (POIs)
- Thousands of Gtribe Premium Content POIs from Garmap Content Partners

GTRIBE PREMIUM CONTENT

The Gtribe Premium Content provides thousands of **FREE** premium POIs with detailed restaurant and accommodation guides, golf clubs, wine farms and much more. Including a host of useful information, such as physical address, GPS location, opening hours, URLs, contact details etc. If the Data Only DVD is used during map loading you will be guided through the download and installation process of Gtribe Premium Content when you install any of the maps on this disc. Alternatively you can go to www.gtribepremium.co.za to download the content.

Note that premium content can be downloaded to compatible devices only but can be used in conjunction with any previous or current mapsets.

HOW TO BUY OR DOWNLOAD AFRICA SERIES 2011 3rd EDITION

PC and Mac compatible DVDs can be purchased as follows:

1. From any official Garmap retail stockist
2. Online at www.garmap.co.za (select the 'Products' button on the menu bar)
3. Over the counter at our Garmin Concept Store based in Gauteng
4. At our Garmin offices in Muizenberg, Cape Town or Mount Edgecombe, Durban

Full pricing details are available at www.garmap.co.za

GPS MODELS AND COMPATIBILITY

The Garmap Africa Series 2011 product set is compatible with all Garmin map-enabled GPS units



with a memory capacity of at least 16MB.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Supporting documentation for Garmap 2011 3rd Edition can be found online as follows:

1. [Product Announcement](#)
2. [Product Options & Benefits](#)
3. [Product Update Guarantee](#)

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

High speed internet connection.

- **Mac users:** Intel based Mac running OS 10.5.8 or higher.
- **PC users:** IBM-compatible PC with 2GB of RAM, DVD drive & OpenGL version 1.3 video card running Windows XP Service Pack 3 or later operating system. .NET framework 3.5 SP1 is required. A current version of. NET will be installed if needed.

Additional requirements and notes for Garmin BaseCamp

- 1 GB of system memory is required, 2 GB of system memory is recommended when using BirdsEye Imagery or Garmin Custom Maps.
- A video card that supports OpenGL version 1.3 or later is needed to enable the 3D view.
- BaseCamp does not work with serial GPS devices

Depending on the maps required you may need up to 2GB free hard disc space for relevant installation.

Non-NT Maps

Non-NT versions of Garmap Sub-Saharan Africa Streetmaps 2011.3 & Garmap Southern Africa Topo & Rec 2011.3 maps for legacy Garmin GPS devices produced before 2006 can be downloaded from www.garmap.co.za.

Errors and Omissions Excluded

NEW TOYOTA FUEL TANKS AVAILABLE FROM FRONT RUNNER

Our **FRHX42** 70L fuel tanks for the 2011 Hilux are ready and available; they work exactly the same as the FRHX41.

By the end of next week we will have the FJ Cruiser 92L Fuel tank available. **FRFJ40** will be a gravity fed tank, that will fill through the existing filler. We already have numerous back orders for these tanks so please get your orders in as soon as you can to avoid disappointments.

Contact: Wayne@fronrunner.co.za

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- Motor; 5.5hp/4.0kW, 12V series wound
- Control: remote switch, 3.7m lead
- Gear train: three-stage planetary
- Gear train ratio clutch: 218.4:1



- Clutch: flexible operation, water-resistant
- Dual Braking action: automatic in-the-drum
- Torque overload protection
- Wireless remote control
- Water-resistant design
- Drum size: 64mm x length: 223mm
- Cable: 9.5mm, 30m
- Fairlead: four-way roller fairlead

2 Year Warrantee

- Remote control: included
- Wireless remote: included
- Battery: recommended: 650CCA minimum for winching
- Battery leads: 2 gauge, 183mm
- Finish: dark gray powder coating
- Overall dimensions: 540 x 160 x 218mm
- Mounting bolt pattern: 254 x 114.3mm
- Net/gross weight: 36/38kg
- Packing size: 57 x 19 x 34.5cm 1 pieces/carton

Line speed Specifications

Make No Load @ 3600 Kg load

**Warn 9.5ti 18.89 meter/minute 2.28 meter/minute @ 370Amp

**Superwinch EP 9.0 14.32 meter/minute 2.28 meter/minute @ 260 Amp

**TigerZ 12,000lb 10.05 meter/minute 3.05 meter/minute @ 302 Amp

**RTS DV-6T 11.05 3.55 meter/minute @ 290 meter/minute Amp

** Figures quoted from manufacture's websites

Contact: Adriaan van Niekerk - Technical / Sales – RTS - Mobile: 083 379-9912

STUNNING KOAKOLAND 4x4 BOOK – Discovering the secrets of Namibia – Johan Snyman

I have recently purchased one of these books to check it out. It is absolutely stunning, concentrated on geology, fauna and flora, people, and then lots of detail and tracks. It has plenty of tracks, roads, routes and other stunning information, and is a must as a reference book. This is where we are going on our tour next year, so makes good prepping and reading. See cover picture attached. Softback. A5 size

Details:

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.



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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 (author)

R299 retail. For e-Zine readers only R255 each.– contact 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za. Excludes postage & insurance.

THE ARID PARKS – STEVE NEWBOULD

This book is produced by one of our Cape Town club members. The book normally retails at R280.00 and is available at the 6 Arid Parks it represents, selected bookshops and online at www.capturedexperiences.com/book.php for this price. However I am happy to offer it directly to readers at the discounted price of R230.00. Excludes postage. Feel free to offer it to friends and family at this price too, or buy some for your customers / office, as it makes a stunning coffee table book or gift!!

Kgalagadi / Richtersveld / Augrabies / Namaqua / TankwaKaroo / Mokala 10 000 desert photographs lead to the publishing of a spectacular coffee table book on the arid South African National Parks

From majestic black-manned lions, cheeky suricates (meerkat) and delicate desert flowers to the roaring Augrabies Falls, the spectrum of images displayed in this photographic compilation would quite likely take a single photographer a lifetime to gather.

The Arid Parks Captured Experiences book relates the experiences of visitors to the parks (many of whom happen to be extraordinary photographers), through the telling of their own stories by way of photographs and accompanying prose. Besides the portraits of the fauna; the plant life in the book, such as the delicate Namaqua daisies and majestic Richtersveld quiver trees, is inspiring in its beauty - and the macro photography of reptiles and insects draws you in to a world so often forgotten.

It features six arid parks, namely: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park; Augrabies Falls National Park; Mokala National Park; Namaqua National Park and Tankwa Karoo National Park and includes ' highlights and accommodation' in the introductory section to each park. A map orientates the reader, with regards to the parks' locations in South Africa (with the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park straddled across South Africa and Botswana and the /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park spilling across the Namibian border.)

The Arid Parks Captured Experiences book is the product of the Captured Experiences photographic competition, a SANParks initiative to promote the arid South African National Parks. The competition, which ran in four rounds from January 2010 to January 2011, saw a panel of five judges carefully sift through nearly 10 000 entries. All of the winning photos have been published in this book, along with other select images from the competition.

Specifications:



- Width: 285mm
- Height: 245mm
- Pages: 176
- Hard-Cover
- Over 300 unique images

Contact 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za. Excludes postage & insurance.

ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL BOOK LAUNCHED!!!

We have been given an incredible exclusive opportunity to buy Hannes Lochner's coffee table book at a special club promotional price of R450.00 per book. Clive Lucas will be coordinating the orders and monies – his details are listed below.

As this is such a good deal the books will have to be ex Cape Town and so transport cost attached when we know the volume of the books for Gauteng branch. His book can be viewed on - <http://www.lochnerphoto.com/index.php>.

This is an ideal corporate or family Christmas gift deal not to be repeated again. He is currently working on a new book and can often be seen in the Kgalagadi.

Clive email address – clivel@netactive.co.za or cell 0836555111

MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS

LATEST NEWS!!!! LAST 2012 COURSE
LOUIS TRICHARDT COURSE: FROM WEDNESDAY, 09 (19:00) NOVEMBER TO
SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2011

Masazane Expeditions specialises in trans-Africa expeditions. Our expeditions are family orientated, 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. Contact Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za for more details or questions on any of our exciting adventures. You may also visit www.masazane.co.za.

TOURS/TRIPS IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF RSA

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

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.



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

Planned dates:

18 – 20 November 2011

15 – 18 December 2011 (long weekend)

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 your 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 Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za 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 Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za 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; Pompei; 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)

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

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

'Departure' Date: when Leg II ends

Contact Jacqui on info@masazane.co.za now for more detailed information.

Please contact us at info@masazane.co.za if you want us to tailor-design an expedition for you and your close family/friends. We design the expedition according to your needs; provide expert advice on various aspects of such expeditions; provide assistance with all required documents; can provide meals; and of course provide a superb guiding service that will make your expedition ever so memorable...

Want to leave your 4x4 vehicle at home? Or you do not have a 4x4 vehicle? Why not join us in our vehicle on one (1) of our planned expeditions or charter us for an itinerary of your choice with your family/friends. Contact us on info@masazane.co.za and ask Jacqui for more detailed information.

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

June 2012

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

TRAILER FOR SALE

I want to sell my off-road Trailer and would appreciate if you can circulate it.

R55 000.00 - Afrispoor Mongoose 2003 in very good condition with nose cone. Includes 70 liter water tank, 2 Jerry cans, 2 new tyres, 1 new spare wheel, full cutlery & crockery set, Howling Moon tent with full awnings. Charger. long life battery, varius 12v and 120v plug points, 40 L Engel fridge/freezer, gas stove, 6 ammo boxes on slider and gas bottle.

Contact Floris Visser 0766911730

NISSAN SANI D/CAB

I have got a friend with 1995 Nissan Sani D/Cab V6 4X4 for around R50K. (Red with canopy, dual battery, bull bar and high lift jack with jacking points.). It has done approx 145000Km and in town around 15 lit/100km. On the open road it would be a lot better. He is rather old, and finds it a bit difficult to get in and out with his knee replacement. He still uses it once a week though to go shopping.

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I have looked after this vehicle since it came out of warranty. It is in good nick, it has recently had new cambelt, rad hoses, fan belts, water pump and torsion bars up front.

Send an email to 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za with SANI in the address line and I will forward to the advertiser. Editor.

MADNESS – CLEARANCE SALE!!!!

The following "platkar" towbars are For Sale at R1750.00 incl. vat. The prices includes fitting and wiring so hitch up and go

- VW Polo Classic 1.4 to 1.8 Sept 96 to September 2002
- Kia Rio 1.4 Sedan Oct 05 – onwards
- Citroen C5 2.0 or 3.0 June 2001 to June 2005
- Opel Astra 1.6 to 20 Classic Oct 99 –onwards
- Ford Focus Sedan 1.6 or 2.0 April 2005 – onwards
- Hi Ace 2.2 GLX or Inyati
- Hyundai Elantra for All Models
- Mazda Rustler 1.3 or 1.6 Feb 94 to September 2002
- Mitsubishi Colt, All models, Oct 98 – onwards

Kindly contact us on **011 362 6658 / 9** to check on stock. Many more items in stock so kindly contact us with your enquiry.

Best regards,
Johan Mostert

CRUISER ITEMS FOR SALE

I had my 2011, 76 series station wagon cruiser stolen earlier this year, replaced with Fortuner. Still have the following and it needs a new home at discounted prices. (Want to clear the garage)

- Tow hitch (only the removable section) – best offer
- Pro-white rim with 2nd hand (45% left) BFG All terrain tyre fitted (same size as on std vehicle rims) – R800
- Toyota spare fan belt set – best offer
- Toyota Oil (enough for one change/service) – best offer
- Filters (Oil and fuel) – best offer
- Original (plastic) fuel tank – best offer
- Workshop manual (Haynes) – best offer

Any cruiser owners who would be interested are welcome to contact me. I am in Edenvale, Jhb

Regards, Nic du Preez
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SAFARI TRAILER TO RENT

Are you considering doing a 4x4 camping safari? I have a READY TO HOOK, fully equipped for 6 people 4x4 trailer to rent. Rent this trailer at R680.00 per day.

For more info, please email to annieb@remax.net or phone 082 577 4531.

Flat Wheel – Light Relief...

*A man saved his girlfriend's phone number as "low battery"
so whenever she calls in his absence,
his wife takes the phone and plugs it to the charger*

☺ give that man a bells ☺

Medically Speaking...

MOSQUITO TRAP - A CHEAP WAY

UNTESTED BY US! Ed. Doing the rounds on the emails. It might be useful.

CAUTION:

This information may cause massive loss of jobs in insecticides companies, but it could save thousands of innocent lives from the cruel fate of dengue. My apologies to all branded insecticides in the marketplace.

DIY is so easy and its costs are unbelievably negligible. Eradicate Aedes and dengue.

FIGHTING DENGUE MUST START AT EVERY HOME.

Mosquito trap (Dengue prevention):

It's just a mix of water, brown sugar and yeast.

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- Cut a plastic bottle in half, keep both parts. Can be soft drink bottle.
- Take the lower portion of the bottle. Dissolve the brown sugar in hot water. Let it cool down to ~70 deg F (room temperature).
- Add the yeast. **Carbon dioxide** will form. **(This will attract the mosquitoes.)** Cover the bottle with a dark wrap and insert in the top portion upside down like a funnel. Place it in a corner in your house.
- In 2 weeks you will be surprised by the number of mosquitoes killed.



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Legally Speaking.....

ANNUAL AUDITS

The New Companies Act law and its regulations, will exempt the vast majority of registered companies from an annual audit. The long-awaited overhaul of the almost four-decade-old Companies Act has been plagued by chaos, sloppy drafting and clumsy regulations.

The reforms introduced in the new Companies Act will be so momentous that business owners would do well to familiarise themselves with the content regulations thereof. These are some important features for owner-managed businesses:

- *the majority of companies will not have to have their books audited annually*
- *Only listed and state-owned companies have to be audited, as well as those that hold money from the public, such as banks. This appears to include any business that offers lay-by facilities, irrespective of its size.*
- *The regulations introduced in the Companies Act and amongst other, the concept of an "independent review" of a company's books. This is not an audit as is known to many of us by an auditor. An independent review is quicker and a less expensive process*

A few companies will have to submit to independent review however.

Exemptions

1. *Companies with assets of less than R50-million and a turnover of less than R20-million a year must have annual financial statements compiled independently, but will not have to be independently reviewed.*
2. *The regulations provide for an ownership exemption. No independent review is necessary if the shareholders of a company, irrespective of its size, are also its directors.*
3. *Businesses part-owned by family trusts and other juristic persons are therefore one step closer to an annual independent review, but the R20-million turnover threshold is so high that the vast majority of companies are exempt.*

The new Companies Act has an important effect on the relationship between business owners and their accountants. The new Company's Act stipulates that preparers of financial statements, whether they are employed by a business or hired from outside, will be personally liable for inaccuracies, and can be fined or even jailed. Accountants can therefore be expected to be more resilient in drafting interesting accounting reports

Existing companies will have a two-year transitional period to adopt a new memorandum of incorporation to replace their existing memorandum and articles of association. In terms of the new act, shareholders' agreements may no longer be inconsistent with the company's memorandum of incorporation (as was the practice in terms of the old act), and accordingly, shareholders will have to amend their shareholders' agreements to align with the new Companies Act.

We envisage that this may open the door for renegotiations as the company's consent will be required. Do not delay and wait for the last minute – act immediately.

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

DISCOUNTS:

1) FRONT RUNNER

Front Runner will offer any club member, on production of their club card, a **5% discount** on the purchase of any Front Runner produced product. Call Wayne Coombe- Heath now.1 Forssman Close, Dytchley Road, Barbeque Downs, Kyalami - 011 466 0155 – www.frontrunner.co.za

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Phillip Viljoen Insurance Brokers has a special deal for all 4x4 enthusiasts, if you tell him you saw this advert. Qualify for great discount. Contact phillip@leisuresure.co.za or on 083 306 5657 / Fax (012) 542 3564. Speak to Phillip (club member)

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Discount on:

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- 29 Mhz & VHF Radios
- Windbags
- **FRONT RUNNER** products
- HID Spotlights
- and other 4x4 services & training. Send enquiry to 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za

4) SAFARI CENTRE - NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD DEAL

5% discount when paying with a credit card & 10% discount for cash.

Products excluded for discount:

- * GPS's
- * Leatherman products
- * Any specials currently running
- * Magazines, books, maps

5) KEMPTON CARAVANS - KEMPTON PARK - CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

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

6) PB ENTERPRISES – HIGHEST QUALITY POWER SYSTEMS & INSTALLATIONS



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Contact: Pieter Barnard / Tel/Fax: 012 658 5538
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7) BIG COUNTRY 4x4 – CUSTOMISED 4x4 FITMENTS AND PRODUCTION

10% discount for members on all manufactured products from our factory. Excludes labour costs. Please visit our website at www.bigcountry.co.za for more information, or even better come and discuss your requirements over a cup of tea. The factory is situated in Northriding right next door to Décor Park..... Big Country really can be your 1-stop shop for all your 4x4 equipment!

Contact Richard on contact number is 011-795-9700 or info@bigcountry4x4.com

8) TENT PURCHASES, REPAIRS AND CANVAS PRODUCTS

Tent repairs and custom made canvas accessories. Please check out our site at www.caconcepts.co.za, we have heaps of info including Camping and Hiking checklists, Camping etiquette, Tips and gear maintenance to name a view.

We will gladly offer all club members 10% on all repairs and modifications as well as 10% on all products we distribute. Regret discount can be offered on products that are on promotion.

Contact Clive van der Vyver on clive@caconcepts.co.za - Cell: 082 8225969
<http://www.caconcepts.co.za> <http://www.canvasandtent.co.za>

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1) ECHO ACCESSORIES 4x4 CENTRE!

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

Echo can supply you with all your 4x4 requirements from offroad trailers, quad bike trailers, Echo Chobe Campers, roof top and trailer top tents, full 4x4 fitment centre, custom products, 4x4 accessory shop, trailer rental and even more. Be sure to visit the new instore refreshment café.

NO DISCOUNT OFFERED!

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Web: www.echo4x4.co.za



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For top deals, training and advice on GPS equipment contact Kevin (club member).

KJ BOLTON CONSULTANT cc

Contact Kevin @ 082 564 3639 or Marietjie 012-6549813

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http://www.honeydewtoyota.ix.co.za/Img Upload Departments/3674_441636.gif for map.

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