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## Trails & Tribulations...

Hi all readers,

Thank goodness for some really positive reports from <deleted 1> to counter the seemingly continuous flow of restrictions and closures elsewhere. How the influence of fuel pricing is going to affect four wheeling generally is uncertain, but I'm seeing evidence here in <deleted 2> of people thinking hard about whether they can really afford to travel longer distances on a regular basis.

No doubt this will increase 4x4 traffic on areas close to urban centers. Increased use means a need to manage the environmental impacts which in turn usually requires money for addressing those impacts. The question is how much will we pay to enjoy our recreation? We either spend on fuel to get to more remote places or spend on access fees to avoid the high fuel costs!

What we must continue to do though, is to keep fighting for the backcountry opportunities so that they are still there in the future. Again the only answer to that is money to keep the legal teams functioning in a way that they can counter the onslaught of attacks on OHV recreation options.

Certainly there is a strong place for the individual who chooses to make a stand and the capability of the internet can help turn those individuals into a large mass with possibilities of influencing opinions.

I'm not sure that we will turn the tide of environmental doomsaying in the face of the money being generated by the climate change fever. It has all the signs of the days when witches were burned at the stake and people were ostracized for suggesting that the Earth wasn't flat!

Interesting hey...And I did not even write that. Substitute 1 with an Australia and 2 with New Zealand, and immediately you will see, it is not only in Southern Africa (SA, Bots, Nam etc.) where the off-road community is under fire. The chairman of the UFWDA introduction to his latest newsletter raises some valid points though. The individual must stand up and be counted. Although in SA there is a strong avocation for people to join in the organized associations such as clubs, there is still a large contingent who refuses to do so. And I am afraid that legislation will not force them too. Legislation in fact has very little effect in this country today. We only have to look at how many people drive in yellow lanes, skip robots, talk on cell phones (and yes, it is not only taxi-drivers, blue collar workers and so on, but the larry in his X5 etc. too).

So, it is time that SA launches a 'Privateer' group, where the individual 4x4 enthusiast can belong and associate this virtual grouping to the likes of NOW for an added voice of opinion to Government. However, they must be aligned to the sport and passion, but respect it at all times. Any takers? Send your thoughts and comments to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za) and let's publish your views. Everybody is sitting around waiting for the worst to happen and then they will react, and as true South Africans, be submissive. Take a stand in your private capacity. Us clubs we





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have a presented mouth piece through the AAWDC, now be part of creating your individualistic 'spreukbuis'.....

The Four Wheel Guides Association of SA has formalized itself, and has now decided to open a Northern Chapter. See the news piece herein. Any certified guides (Theta/DEAT) in this domain must contact me with their email addresses so that we can get this going promptly. Read the newsletter article herein.

Well done to the Kariba Shower competition winner. It is announced here-in and the prize will be handed out at a function in July 2008. The company who hosted the competition is ecstatic about the response. The Shock Absorber competition closed yesterday, and the winner will be notified and published in next month's newsletter. ANY suppliers', who wish to continue along this vein, please get in touch with me. Once again, we prove that this medium is powerful!

Eish, and there they go again. The petrol price just keeps on rising, the interest rates are creeping and the food prices are escalating...me thinks....a mountain bike club instead...Naah, we will keep enjoying our club and outdoor activities, even if we have to cut back and do less. For the longer trips now, we have a savings plan, and a focused approach sees us all being able to visit those far away places indeed.

Another interesting point I find in the industry is the 29Mhz vs VHF radio confusion. There is a small group of people in industry who advocate that VHF is replacing the 29Mhz comms. Bull dust. There is very well a group of well informed people who advocate clearer comms, better distance etc. with the VHF which is correct, but as a radio dealer, with many connections in the industry, and looking at statistics, the 29Mhz radios are still selling like hot cakes. There are industries such as the caravan industry who are only now looking at moving from the 27Mhz to 29Mhz. And they are purpose fit – for close range, convoy type driving, and guiding usage. Point.

Most clubs still use the 29Mhz radios. Yes, there are of us and the AAWDC who have a single VHF channel assigned, and some people have switched. But the devices are expensive, the channel allocated specific and it is specific for its application. It is funny to see how many people are bulking at the fact that you can only communicate on the channel licenced to you, not only at the VHF level, but lately at the 29Mhz level too. As radio dealers are licenced by ICASA, they should only be opening the 3 legal 4x4 channels available in this arena, as per your licence (yes – you need a licence!).

People get aggro – they want all 23 channels open – to speak to my mates they say. What! You and your mates are illegal chum. So, with strong regulation in the industry, audits by ICASA on dealers and owners happening, and a clamp down on irregularity – accept the following facts – ALL radios must be licenced. All radios must be licensed for the legal channels available. VHF operators need to apply for a channel specific to their needs – an existing one or a new one. And hey, give the radio dealer a break – he is complying with the law!

Well, a fellow guide and I recce'd a new trail / accommodation offering in a settlement called Geluksburg in the Drakensburg region. Stunning! Stunning accommodation offerings available.

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We had an amazing evening at the new Meadowdale store of 4x4 Megaworld last week. The cold and massive storm did deter some attendees, but the hard core (in excess of 120 of them) still battled the weather and the traffic jams to arrive and enjoy. Great speakers and prizes and we even managed to raise from the floor on the evening, a full R745.95 towards the Anti-Poaching unit of SANPARKS through generous donations. Well done to all.

We had some successful training courses again, and am about to launch the infamous Bush medical course (September) and an Intermediate Digital Photographic Course in the market (July-August Timeframe). We continue to offer the best courses, using industry recognised specialists thereby ensuring value for money, yet high quality. Others have tried to follow our example, and do not succeed, ultimately coming back to our standards by approaching our trainers for courses. Hey guys, can't beat em, join em.....

Well, 1<sup>st</sup> of June – cannot believe it how time flies. Our crew is off to Zimbabwe soon for a week long splendor in Hwange and region, and September sees us off to the Luderitz / Walvis Bay Dune trail. I still have a single vehicle spot for the Serengeti Trip in 2009 at cut throat rates (club price), so enquire if you are interested. It will be great!

Enjoy, stay safe and abide by the law!

***Yours in 4x4ing.  
Alan Goodway (GP 1796)  
Editor (voluntary!)***

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## **Calendar of Interesting Events**

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

Date	Event	Venue
13- 16 June	Kyalami Outdoor Show	Kyalami Raceway
5-6 July	Outdoor & leisure Expo (4x4ATV)	Pretoria Moot
25-27 July	Bundu Expo	Tshwane Events Centre (Pretoria Showgrounds)
27 August – 7 September	Pretoria Show	Pretoria Showgrounds
29-31 August	Getaway Show	Coca Cola Dome, Northgate
2-5 October	Rust de Winter Jamboree	Rust de Winter



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**2008..still to come:**

- Tour 8 – Namibia – Koakoland – 8-22 June
- Tour 9 - Serengeti Tour – 28 June – 27 July
- Tour 10 – Botswana / Moremi & Chobe - 2-14 August
- Tour 11 – Flower Tour West Coast – 16-24 August
- Tour 12 – Kariba Lake Houseboat – 5-15 September
- Tour 13 – Lake Malawi -14-21 September
- Tour 14 – Kalahari / Botswana – 27 September – 5 October
- Tour 15 – Lion Weekend Coligny – 31 October – 2 November
- Tour 16 – Switzerland Expedition – 9-23 November
- Tour 17 - Serengeti Tour: 2008 : 7 Dec – 7 Jan 2009

Tours include Self Drive, Catered, or in the luxury bus we have for specific tours. Contact us immediately for more information, you will not be disappointed.

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

**GAUTENG 4x4 and OVERLAND GUIDES – TAKE NOTE**

The 4Wheel Drive Guides Association (4WDGA) has been established to look after the interest of Adventure and Overland Guides. Apart from useful services such as acting as facilitator for guide registration and acting as conduit for information between governing bodies and guides, the 4WDGA is also involved in setting guide standards and generally to promote professionalism in the guiding profession. This will be done by getting actively involved in the training and certification of guides and by listing reputable guides to ensure good value for prospective clients.

All current and new guides are encouraged to join the 4WDGA, as this is the only body through which we can be represented and be heard at NOW."

We are about to launch the Northern Chapter of the association, and all **registered** DEAT / THETA Guides (members of 4WDGA or not) are requested to send their contact email address to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za) so that we can get things going and create a local database. Let's take this seriously, as the initiatives in the market WILL affect all of us.

There is a newsletter about to be distributed and I will want to circulate it to you soonest.





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### **COMPETITION WINNER – KARIBA SHOWER**

Hello again Alan,

Yes, **Corrie van Rooyen of Centurion** is the winner. Alexa has already advised all the entrants of the outcome and the unit will be delivered to Echo 4x4 for your presentation. We really appreciate your kind assistance in making the competition such a success. Much appreciated indeed. I will be on show with Echo 4x4 at Kyalami on 13-16 June, so if your readers would like to see the New Kariba Combo working there, please advise them. Hope to see you at the show as well (**Sorry, we will be exploring Swaziland at that time. Ed**)

Thanks again and kind regards  
Ron Harries

### **GARMIN CHALLENGE AT STAR GETAWAY SHOW**

#### **“The Garmin Outdoor Adventure GPS Challenge”**

three heats, one final, one winner.....

The Garmin Outdoor Adventure GPS Challenge, being held in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Adventure and Travel Experience at Kyalami between the 13 & 16 June 2008, has been put together to give GPS users and potential users, the opportunity to experiment, and experience satellite navigation (GPS) on familiar terrain where advice and support will be close at hand.

Kevin Bolton, the satellite navigation expert behind the project, believes that people often experiment with this technology in remote areas - without basic map reading and navigation skills - and this is when problems are experienced. It has been found that the majority of poor results from a GPS receiver are from human error and a lack of knowledge. “We believe that a GPS Challenge will create a greater awareness of this product and its capabilities, while also promoting the “Outdoor Lifestyle” says Bolton.

#### The GPS Challenge

Spirit of adventure ...  
The need for exploration ...  
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A friend in the dark –  
Master it or get lost!

The challenge, which will have 3 heats on the 14, 15 & 16 June, will be open to teams of 2 people and will take a numbers of forms, but effectively the contestants’ ability to navigate accurately while operating a GPS, in a controlled environment, is being tested. Initially, there will be a briefing, and thereafter competitors will be required to navigate, using a GPS, to a number of different points, all accessible by foot. These points will all be within the show terrain, a bit like a Treasure Hunt! The primary focus of the event is fun and interest. There will also be a Written Evaluation during the Challenge.





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Anybody who is interested can enter, GPS owners, potential GPS buyers, outdoor enthusiasts, professionals, sportsmen and farmers. GPS units will be available and a briefing on the GPS will be presented prior to the Heats.

There are wonderful prizes to be won, including a Garmin 60 GPS device. All in all, a great day fun to be had by all!

### **NO MORE TOM-TOM GPS IN SA?**

Core Group Statement

**Johannesburg, 12 May 2008**

Core Peripherals of South Africa today sent notice to TomTom of its decision to terminate the relationship with the Dutch personal navigation company, and as such ceases to be its distributor in Southern Africa.

"Since inception of the relationship at the end of 2006 TomTom has continuously failed to honour its contractual obligations", said RJ van Spaandonk, Core Group's director in charge of its navigation business.

Core Group is disappointed that the relationship was not successful since it still believes that TomTom offers the world's best personal navigation products and services, but it had no choice but to terminate the relationship due to inter alia TomTom's inability to supply a competitive product range and support it with appropriate marketing activities in Southern Africa.

Current users of TomTom products and retail partners need not worry. Core Group has invited TomTom to engage in discussion with a view to formulating a transition plan to safeguard an orderly handover.

For now, Core Group will ensure that all warranty obligations will be honoured and that no Southern African customers will be prejudiced as a result of this decision.

### **STUNNING NEW GUEST HOUSE IN FICKSBURG**

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### **FREE SHOCKS!!!!!!**

Hi Alan

Our mother company in the USA has sent us three sets of shocks for fitment and ride evaluation. If anyone is keen to have these premium Rancho RS9000 9-way adjustable shocks fitted to their vehicle for free - please let them get hold of me directly. We will arrange the fitment, all that we will require is that we get feedback on the ride and performance.

The three vehicles that we are looking for are:

- **Nissan Patrol GR** (Y 60, SWB & LWB, model yrs 1987 - 1997)
- **Nissan Terrano II 2 Door** (R 20 Hard Top, SWB, model yrs 1993->on)
- **Nissan Terrano II 4 Door** (R 20 Wagon, LWB, model yrs 1993->on)

Regards

Philip Lutz

***Interested? Send an email to [4x4Offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4Offroad@mweb.co.za), and I will get Philip to contact you***

### **BAROQUE IN THE BUSH!!!!**

I found the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club on the internet, via Google (no surprise there...). We run some wonderful events which I thought your members may be interested in hearing about.

In particular, I'd like to alert you to an annual event we run called **Baroque in the Bush**, which is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. We take over the whole of the Shingwedzi Camp in the Kruger Park for a weekend of classical music, and this year it takes place from 19 – 22 September.

There are 65 campsites available at Shingwedzi (all our hatted accommodation is already booked up). The campsites have excellent ablution blocks and communal kitchen facilities with 24-hour boiling water, making tea-time much more convenient!

We provide dinner for the 3 evenings, the rest is self-catering. The cost of R2 050 per person includes midday and evening concerts for the weekend, camping fees and dinners. Guests make their own way to the Kruger Park, often extending their trip to include stops in other gorgeous campsites such as Punda Maria.

I'd be obliged if you would let your members know about this weekend. It is a unique event in the world, and has become an annual, must-do weekend for many of our clients.

You can log onto our website on [www.montybrett.com](http://www.montybrett.com) if you'd like to see some of the other events we arrange, most of which have an environmental and cultural flavour.

Please contact me for any further information.

Warm regards,

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### **PETROL GOES UP - AGAIN**

Johannesburg - The retail price of all grades of petrol will rise by 50c a litre next week, the minerals and energy department said on Friday. The wholesale price of diesel 0.05% sulphur would increase by 71c per litre while diesel 0.005% sulphur would go up by 70c. The wholesale price of illuminating paraffin would rise by 71c a litre and the single maximum national retail price for illuminating paraffin by 94c a litre.

- Sapa

### **DON'T DESPAIR – FUEL DRIVING TIPS.....**

Drivers facing soaring petrol prices could cut their fuel consumption by almost a third if they employ 10 simple "eco-driving" tips. EU energy commissioner Andris Piebalgs said at the launch of an industry-backed "Save More Than Fuel" initiative: "This campaign provides a set of simple tips to reduce CO2 emissions and save money simply by driving more intelligently.

"Learning a few tricks will help drivers keep more fuel in their tanks, more money in their pockets and more CO2 out of the atmosphere." 30-million leaflets will be distributed through petrol stations throughout Europe detailing the 10 key points highlighted in the clean driving campaign, including checking tyre pressures every month and closing windows at high speed.

Other fuel-saving techniques include anticipating the flow of traffic ahead to avoid sharp braking, and changing up as quickly as possible when accelerating. Energy commission spokesman Ferran Tarradellas Espuny said drivers in trials at an "eco-driving school" were able to cut their fuel consumption from 7.3 litres/100km to five.

This would translate into a saving - at South African prices! - of about R4 600 in an average year's driving of 20 000km - more if the South African petrol price rises much above R10/litre. (*it has, Ed!*)

The European Union has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2020. Reducing CO2 emissions from transport is an aspect of that plan. The full list of fuel-saving driving tips – graphically - <http://www.savemorethanfuel.eu/uk/>



### **JACANA - THE STAR GAUTENG OUTDOOR EXPO AND TRAVEL SHOW - 13-16 JUNE**

For those who are not planning to go away for the long weekend, why not come and visit the Jacana stand at the show. We have information on a number of new trails. New to this year's stand is a special section for hiking and outdoor clubs to exhibit. This is a service to the hiking community offered by Jacana so contact us if you would like to participate. Among those that have already indicated that they will be there are the Johannesburg Hiking Club, Mountain Club of South Africa and of course Footprint so why not come and join us?

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### **SAVED BY THE POTJIE**

Durban - His potjiekos and a plastic chair are what saved his life, reckons building contractor Piet "Pompies" van der Walt who was attacked by a leopard late last week. The Richards Bay man was attacked in a camp in the Hluhluwe Umfolozi Nature Reserve.

When the leopard attacked him from behind last Thursday at dusk, he had been bending over his potjie to add the mushrooms, said Van der Walt from his hospital bed in Richards Bay. His children and grandchildren had just returned from a game drive in the reserve, where the family had gathered after the wedding of his youngest daughter, Christi. Van der Walt, 65, said: "The potjie was almost ready and we were to eat soon. I just had to add the mushrooms."

"If I hadn't bent over at that moment, the leopard might have got a better grip on me." Van der Walt had been sitting on a plastic chair which he believed helped prevent the leopard from sinking its claws into him. Nevertheless, the leopard managed to rip off more than three-quarters of his scalp, which was later re-attached at the Bay Hospital with more than 100 stitches.

"One of the big veins in my head was damaged and my biggest fear was that I could bleed to death on the way to hospital. "It took an hour and a half to get to the hospital and it wasn't one of the best roads to take in the dark," said Van der Walt. When the leopard attacked him, his chair fell backwards.

"I rolled one way and the leopard the other." Van der Walt jumped up and ran to the house. Christi, who worked as a sister in the UK, wrapped a towel around his head to diminish the bleeding. A spokesperson for Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, Jess Gaisford, said there was evidence it had been a young leopard that had attacked Van der Walt

Rangers saw the leopard in the tall grass near the camp after the attack. An adult leopard's jaws would have been powerful enough to bite through a human skull, said Gaisford. According to tracks, the leopard had been in the camp with another, adult leopard, probably its mother. Gaisford said it was possible the leopard had regarded Van der Walt as prey.

### **VOETSPORE TEAM HAVING FUN IN ANGOLA**

Voetspore Dagboek - Dag 25: 21 Mei 2008

Die dag het baie goed begin. Koos Moorcroft het ons vroeg geroep by die kamp by Foz do Cunene. Tydsberekening sou die dag van kardinale belang wees.

Ons het net na sonop vertrek. Mens reis strand langs noord. Die gety sou binnekort begin uitgaan, en dan kan mens op die strand ry. Hoe verder ons gevorder het, hoe mooier was die wêreld. Daar was pelikane in die lagunes. So ook letterlik miljoene kormorante. In die baai by Baia dos Tigres het die dolfyne gejag. Dit was 'n wonderlike dag. Dit was ook 'n voorreg om weer 'n 4x4 op die strand te vat.





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Ons het in 'n stadium gestop om 'n paar krappe af te neem. Miljoene van hulle hardloop op die strand. Een van hulle het vir Lourens gedans voor sy kamera. Om te stop vir die krappe was dalk 'n fout.

Ons het net noord van Baia dos Tigres 'n kusstrook binnegegaan wat bekend staan as die doodsakker. Die reuse duine van die Namib kom tot teen aan die see. Daar is geen verbykomkans nie. Behalwe met laagwater, springgety. Dit was springgety, maar die laagwater het reeds gedraai. Die see was reeds besig om in te kom. Ons het dit nie besef nie. Daar het 50 kilometer se nagmerrie voor ons gele.

Eerste probleem - Deo het vasgeval. Rey het omgedraai om te gaan help. Ek en Gideon is verder, noord. Die see het begin toemaak tot teenaan die duine. Die branders het oor die voertuie begin slaan. Ons het die Nissans se rewolusies net duskant die rooi gehou. Daar moes 'n uitkoms wees. Lewers moet die duine oopmaak. Maar dit het nie.

Toe kom ek en Gideon aan by die hindernis. Die see het reuse rotse oopgespoel. Geen voertuig kon daar verby nie. Ons kon nie vorentoe nie, ons kon nie omdraai nie. Ons was in 'n skaak mat situasie.

Genadiglik het Rey en Deo ook tot by ons gevorder. Die span was weer bymekaar. Ons kon saam planne maak. In daardie stadium nie elkeen, sonder uitsondering, geglo die see gaan ons voertuie vat. Ons het gedoen wat ons gedink het is die beste. Met 'n aanloop van drie meter is die voertuie teen die duine uitgery. Mens vorder nie ver nie. Slegs so ver dat jou gatkant inwig op die strand. In die proses het my linker agterwiel van die velling af gekom. Maar dit was die minste van ons probleem.

Ons het alle toerusting uit die voertuie uitgehaal. Dis teen die duin opgedra. Dit het heelyd ook weer afgeskuif. Alles was naderhand onder sand. Maar toe is dit sit en wag. Wag vir die hoogwater om in te kom, en verby te gaan. Teen vier uur die middag het die water teen die sleepwa en voertuie se agterkante begin slaan. Ons het gehoop dit sou gou verby gaan. Maar dit het nie. Die see het aanhou kom en kom en kom.

Ek het vir Rico Sako, ons kontak in Angola, op die satellietfoon gekry. Hy het laat weet die laagwater is om 10 uur die aand. Teen agt uur het ons begin regmaak. Alles weer terug pak in die voertuie. Die Navara se wiel omruil. (Makliker gese as gedaan met 'n see wat die heelyd onder die voertuig inspoel). Ek het 500 meter kus op gestap na waar daar nog klippe in die pad gele het. Ons het gehoop dat as 'n brander ons 'n kans gee, ons om die eerste stel klippe kon ry. Maar as ons dan weer gevang word het ons nog groter probleme. Die tweede stapel klippe, het ek gesien, was nog 'n groter probleem. Toe is ons terug.

Ons het die veertig kilo's terug tot by Baia dos Tigres terug gejaag met branders wat elke nou en dan oor die voertuie spoel. Dit was vreesaanjaend. Ons wou nie nou vasval nie. Net na elf is ons die doodsakker uit.

Wat 'n ondervinding. Die manne het 'n vuurtjie gemaak, en vir 'n uur of drie in die kole gestaar. Die adrenalien was nog te hoog om te gaan slaap. Dit was die nouste ontkoming tot nog toe vir die Voetsporespan.





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Ons praat weer.  
Johan

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### **ROCK ART AT EZEMVELO?**

The reserve is also culturally rich with a number of rock art and iron smouldering sites. The rock art on Ezemvelo Nature Reserve is different to San (Bushmen) rock art. The paintings were made by Bantu speaking people and the site may have been used for rain making for generations. The site is the only one of its kind known within a radius of more than 100 km, and the only site situated in such attractive surrounds. It could well become the most sought-after rock art site to be visited within the Gauteng area.

To visit or book please phone: 013 680 1399 fax: 013 680 1397  
Tourism Management: Maroti Tau 013 680 1366/083 655 3638 Office fax: 013 680 1082

### **BLACK LIONS TERRIFY TOWNSHIP**

Big black lions are said to be roaming the streets of Matsulu township outside the Mpumalanga capital, terrifying residents who say they are too afraid to walk outside at night. Residents have been making anonymous phone calls to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) about "black lions" that have escaped from the neighbouring Kruger National Park, said MTPA spokesperson Jimmy Masombuka on Thursday. "We have been receiving these calls from frightened residents who tell us that they spotted black lions prowling the area," he said.

He said that while the MTPA took the phone calls seriously, no lions have been found by officials sent to search the area. "It is surprising for us to hear of black lions. But, although it's hard to believe, you don't just dismiss these kind of things. Maybe we are sitting on a great discovery," he said. He also warned people that if they came across dead lions, not to eat the meat as lions carried diseases that could harm people.

### **KNP CELEBRATES 110TH BIRTHDAY**

A three-week long celebration of the Kruger National Park's (KNP) 110th Birthday will kick off on Monday May 26, 2008 and will climax with the main event on Saturday June 14, 2008.

"We would naturally like to include everybody in our celebrations but that would be a bit unpractical so we have decided to stage a number of events with the idea of inviting as many people as possible," said the KNP's HOD of Public Relations and Communication, Mr William Mabasa who also serves as the chairman of the organising committee of the events.

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The celebration will kick off with an event at Phalaborwa on Monday May 26, 2008 which will give the communities living in close proximity to the Nxanatseni Region (north) of the park an opportunity to celebrate. The second event will take place in Satara Rest Camp on Wednesday May 28, 2008 and will give the members of the communities living in the Bushbuckridge, Acornhoek and Hoedspruit areas a chance to celebrate the KNP's Birthday with staff members from the Nkayeni (or Central) region of the KNP. The third event will take place in Skukuza on Friday May 30, 2008 and community representatives from the towns surrounding the Marula Region (South), which includes Komatipoort, Malelane, Kabokweni and Hazyview, will celebrate the KNP's birthday with staff members from camps like Skukuza, Pretoriuskop, Lower Sabie and Berg en Dal.

On Saturday May 31, 2008 there will be a private function where the SA Mint will launch the 2008 gold Krugerrand. Because of the nature of this event, this event will only be for invited guests but SA Mint will be giving out chocolate coins and brochures describing these new gold coins to everyone who enters the park on that day (while stocks last), so that everyone can celebrate this unique event.

The period from June 1 – 13 will be filled with competitions, special offers and other activities which will culminate in the main event in Skukuza on Saturday June 14, 2008. This will start with the relaunch of the My Acre of Africa site near Phabeni Entrance Gate and then continue with the main event at the Skukuza Soccer Stadium.

KNP fans can also keep track of the developments of the KNP: 110 Conservation Celebration on [www.sanparks.org](http://www.sanparks.org) which will also carry updates on this celebration.

### **MAPUNGUBWE PHONE LINES**

Because of repeated copper wire theft, the phone lines to Mapungubwe National Park are often down. In order to contact them, please e-mail [mapungubwe@sanparks.org](mailto:mapungubwe@sanparks.org)

### **TIGER BAY RESORT - UME RIVER - KARIBA - ZIMBABWE**

Tiger Bay Resort is situated on the banks of the Ume River, an area described as one of the most scenic and unique parts of Lake Kariba. The resort complex is set amongst mature trees with fine lawns down to the river frontage and centres around a spacious entertainment area including a restaurant and upper level bar overlooking a sparkling swimming pool.

Accommodation is in 12 comfortable A-frame chalets with en-suite facilities each with fine views onto the Ume River. The rates for Tiger Bay are fully inclusive, with 3 full meals, drinks (reasonable consumption) and 2 activities per person per day. Activities include game drives, game cruises, fishing, game and birding walks with a guide, and a bush dinner.

The use of fishing rods, tackle, bait and binoculars are available at no charge for guests.

We will also arrange any fuel requirements you may require.

Access to Tiger Bay for your 4x4 holiday - Self-drive to Tiger Bay- should only be undertaken in a 4x4 vehicle during the rainy season and a 4x2 raised body during the dry season. There are two possible routes and both journeys take approximately 8 hours from Harare.





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The last six weeks or so have been unsettling in Zimbabwe. The media coverage is welcome, as the suffering of many should not be ignored. We are grateful for the International interest but would like you to be aware that this is still a beautiful country and we assure you it is still perfectly safe to travel from South Africa to Kariba and then on to Tiger Bay. If there are any changes to the situation, especially if it may affect you as our guest, we will advise you accordingly,

We have had a good year so far, regardless of the uncertainty surrounding the country. We have had a steady stream of visitors, all of whom enjoyed their stay and had only good things to say about the activities offered, of how warm and friendly the staff are at Tiger Bay and how they do their utmost to make your stay a pleasure.

The game and bird viewing is always amazing. The sunrises and sunsets are truly beautiful. The place is rustic, the setting lovely, and fits into its surroundings perfectly. The bush dinner is something you will always remember, and what could be better than being on a boat with the, "always" magnificent views on Lake Kariba.

Please contact us for any information on Tiger Bay you may require, or visit our website, address below.

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*We would like to re-iterate that we can supply fuel or coupons for fuel for a 4x4 road trip to Zimbabwe. In addition, driving from Beitbridge - Kariba - Tiger Bay and then onto the famous Victoria Falls, then back to Beitbridge via Bulawayo would be an ideal trip for any 4x4 enthusiast.*

#### **VISIT LESOTHO WITH MALEALEA LODGE**

Malealea is situated in a remote part of Western Lesotho, breathtaking in its beauty and a chance to experience traditional Basotho life.

Lesotho is a world without fences. Breathtaking scenery abounds and every season has unique attractions. Malealea Lodge is run by the Jones Family, Mick & Di Jones both born in Lesotho and credited with more local knowledge than anyone. Jacqui, Glenn and Debbie Jones grew up in Lesotho and Michael Deutschmann have joined the team. Various Basotho Children's choirs and a Local Basotho Band, using their local home-made instruments, entertain the guests in the evenings around a campfire.

#### **A Memorable Holiday at Malealea**

- Outings range from 1 hour to 6 days or longer tailor-made to your requirements.
- The treks are usually about 7 hours each day. No riding experience is necessary.
- The huts and horses are hired from the Basotho people in remote areas.
- The huts are very basic and are equipped with a gas cooker, cooking & eating utensils, mattresses on the floor. On trek you experience "THE REAL AFRICA".





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- The trails traverse spectacular mountain passes and some of Lesotho's highest waterfalls exploring Bushman paintings and experiencing "Basotho culture".
- Basotho Guides and a packhorse accompany the treks.
- Treks & trails are tailor made to suit your requirements.
- All is flexible and can be arranged at a moments notice.

#### **Specialised Outings at Malealea**

- Local Museum & School Visit.
- Village Walks and Garden Project.
- Sangoma - Traditional Healer appointment.
- Local Childrens Choir & Band

#### **Day Hikes & Pony Treks**

- Botsoela Waterfall Hike, Pony Trek or Scenic Drive
- The Pitseng Canyon & Rockpool Hike
- The Bushman Paintings & Echo Cave Hike or Pony Trek
- The "Gates of Paradise Pass" hike along the ridge of the Matelile Ridge Hikers: Take the "donkey work" out of backpacking by hiring horses to carry your luggage

#### **Overnight Pony Trek & Hiking Trails Routes:**

- The Ribaneng Waterfall Trek - 2 days and 1 night in a village
- The Ribaneng & Mountain Pass Trek 3 days & 2 nights in villages.
- The Ribaneng & Ketane Waterfall Trek - 4 days & 3 nights in villages.
- The Ribaneng, Ketane & Maletsunyane Trek - 5 days & 4 nights in villages
- Ribaneng, Ketane & Maletsunyane Trek - 6 days & 5 nights in villages

Lesotho adventures start at Malealea, exploring the day outings before travelling across the country. Companions can be arranged at Malealea to accompany your trip, introducing you to local chiefs, helping in locating night camping sites, and ensuring your safety.

MALEALEA OFFERS "LESOTHO IN A NUTSHELL" MALEALEA IS PERFECT FOR A 2 or 3 DAY STAY EN-ROUTE FROM JOHANNESBURG TO THE CAPE. Malealea is situated in Lesotho, near the town of Wepener & Bloemfontein side of the Free State.

PLUS 2 Moorosi Chalets & a 2 bedroom Unit for the adventurous traveller to add a couple of days in Southern Lesotho – Quthing area.

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## NAVIGATORS FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE ADVENTURES

Navigators specialises in informative and relaxed small-group touring. Whether you're a seasoned and well-travelled adventurer or new to the 4x4 lifestyle, join one of our guided self-drive tours to discover exciting destinations in the company of like-minded enthusiasts, and experience the adventure and sense of accomplishment of confidently meeting the challenges of self sufficient travel in Africa. Read further for more detail of some of our upcoming tours for the remainder of the year:

### **Getaway 'Readers Tour' to Zambia – 19 Nights (Livingstone to Mfuwe)**

#### **Tour Dates: 1 – 18 August 2008**

Join Chris and Getaway photojournalist Jazz Kuschke on this varied and relaxed expedition focusing on Kasanka National Park, the Bangweulu Wetlands, North Luangwa and Luambe NP. The route includes Kundalila Falls, Lavushi Manda NP, Kapishya Hot Springs and Shiwa Ng'andu. The tour ends near South Luangwa. (Maximum 6 vehicles)

### **Khaudum & Caprivi: "Remote Namibia" – 12 Nights (Windhoek to Katima)**

#### **Tour Dates: 27 September – 8 October 2008**

Where elephant herds congregate; stronghold of the roan antelope; home to lion, hyena, leopard and remaining packs of wild dog... Khaudum's deep-sand driving and adventurous atmosphere is a great way to open your account on this wilderness tour to some of Namibia's more remote game parks. Follow this up with the abundant wildlife, prolific birdlife and exciting driving challenges in the eastern Caprivi, and you'll understand why our expedition to discover the secrets of Namibian Bushmanland and Caprivi regions is a favourite on our annual touring calendar (Maximum 6 vehicles.)

### **Liuwa Plain "Wilbebeest Migration" – 10 Nights (Livingstone to Katima)**

#### **Tour Dates: 1 – 10 November 2008**

Situated on the upper Zambezi floodplains of western Zambia, Liuwa Plain is a pristine and remote area covering 3,660km<sup>2</sup> of grassland and wooded 'tree islands', where annual flooding adds to its rich biodiversity. Our focus here is on the Liuwa's annual wilbebeest migration, the second largest in Africa, which usually occurs towards the start of the rains. Zebra, tsessebe, red lechwe, eland and oribi, and predators such as African wildcat, jackal, hyena, cheetah, wild dog, leopard and lion may be seen. With over 300 bird species Liuwa is also a paradise for keen birdwatchers. This tour will appeal to adventurous and self sufficient travellers who enjoy the journey as much as the destination. (Maximum 6 vehicles.)

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

### **BUYING A TENT – SAFARI CENTRE TELLS YOU HOW**

This month we are looking at a few handy tips that need to be kept in mind when purchasing a tent. A tent is cheap, easy to transport and can be set up about anywhere. This is probably one of the most important pieces of equipment that you will purchase when going on safari.

5 Things to keep in mind when purchasing a ground tent:

- **Canvas or Nylon?** If traveling light is one of your conditions, especially being a hiker it is advisable to get yourself a nylon tent. It is easy to transport and to pitch up. These tents are not as strong as canvas, but can take more than you think. Canvas heavier than nylon but is more durable and wild animals like baboons will not be able to rip it apart.
- **Where are you going to use it?** If you camp as family then ventilation and enough space is important. If you enjoy camping in rough conditions you need something durable (canvas).
- **And the size?** Remember there must be enough space in your tent for your baggage. The golden rule is to always purchase a tent bigger than you think you'll need. A Tent's height is just as important as the width and length.
- **The Style?** Dome tents are very popular because of their ease to transport and erect as well as their spaciousness. Many manufacturers offer extension rooms which give you the option of more sleeping real estate if required.
- **Test it.** Before you set off on your holiday with your new tent it is advisable to test it first.

### **Rooftop tent:**

A Rooftop tent can be erected within a few minutes and if you have someone helping you it should take you about 7minutes. It is safer because you sleep higher from animals, insects and snakes. You can place all your bedding like duvets, sleepingbags and cussions inside.

When choosing a rooftop tent, keep the following in mind:

- Weight – preferably not a steel base because it can cause it to be very heavy.
- Wooden floor for heat in the winter – mariene ply.
- A high density mattress will keep you from having back ache.
- Good ventilation.
- A ladder with wide steps to prevent your feet getting hurt when climbing up or down.
- There should be mesh in front of all openings.
- Tent should be easy to fold open and close.

There is a big variety of tents available and Safari Centre invites you to view all models at our show rooms. Safari Centre's 1st choice is an Eazi-Awn rooftop tent. Their crafty design and quality workmanship as well as their excellent service makes them a trustworthy supplier with an excellent product.

### **4x4 DAY – RAYTON**

Speedy Rayton invites you to part take in their 4x4 day on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Entrance fee is R250 per vehicle with various prizes to be won on the day. (+- R40k). The start and entry Point is at the Speedy in Rayton and entries open at 7am.





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### **RHINOS A TOP TARGET IN KRUGER**

Poachers have killed 249 animals in the Kruger National Park in the past four years, including at least 44 white rhinos, the Democratic Alliance has said. "A reply to a DA parliamentary question to the minister of environmental affairs and tourism has revealed that, over the past four years, at least 44 white rhinos and 31 buffaloes were killed by poachers," DA spokesperson Gareth Morgan said in a statement. He added that the Kruger figures might be much higher because "many of the animals killed by poachers disappear without a trace".

### **GAUTENG'S HIGHWAYS ARE A"CHANGING...**

If you travel on the freeways, your life is about to be disrupted until 2010 as Road Agency has just awarded over R11,0 bn worth of road contracts to provide various improvements to all highways and interchanges in this area. Six major road contracts are all to be constructed simultaneously. More contracts are planned.

Most highways will now become 8 lanes, 4 in each direction. New bridges and flyovers are to be built at many of the interchanges to allow you to exit and enter quicker.

Electronic tolling will be installed approximately every 10 kms on all highways. The system is still under design but most likely you will need to buy a pre-paid tag. The tag is displayed on your front windscreen and is read as your car passes under the overhead gantry. If you do not own a tag, your plates will be photographed and at end of the month you will receive an account for all the times you have used the highways. If you do not pay they will treat it as an unpaid speeding fine. Private companies will be employed to monitor this and laws are currently being revised so that you do not necessarily need to go to court to be penalized (i.e. a speeding fine will shortly not be a criminal act).

Tolling will start at end of 2010 and I am told the rate will be 50c per km. The big plus is the real attempt to reduce congestion.

Regards  
John Lotz  
Group Five Infrastructure Developments (Pty) Ltd

### **HUMMER & TREAD LIGHTLY! JOIN FORCES**

OGDEN, UTAH (April 24, 2008) – General Motor's HUMMER division and the nonprofit organization Tread Lightly!® announced today the launch of a new partnership called HUMMER's Recreation Rescue, which will provide grants to outdoor recreation sites. The grants will be dedicated towards land use education, management and trail maintenance.

"This partnership comes at a critical time, especially for recreation activities involving the use of off-highway vehicles," said Tread Lightly!'s executive director Lori McCullough. "These grants will help land management agencies implement their new travel management policies in a way that helps both recreationists and the great outdoors."

Project sites already selected for 2008 include off-highway vehicle areas in the Sierra National Forest in Central California and the Ocala National Forest in Florida. Other sites are currently under consideration and will be announced by the beginning of summer. Volunteers will be needed to re-seed, install signage and kiosks, build trail enhancements and do other important tasks.





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"At a time when public participation in outdoor recreation is at a decline, organizations like Tread Lightly! are extremely important in ensuring that open access to public land remains available for future generations," said Martin Walsh, HUMMER general manager.

HUMMER's Recreation Rescue was created under the umbrella of Tread Lightly!'s *Restoration for Recreations* program. Restoration for Recreations designed to keep the great outdoors beautiful, healthy and open to the public by providing much needed resources for trail maintenance, education and communications initiatives to allow for environmentally sustainable outdoor recreation.

The initiative will kick off with a project on the popular Bald Mountain off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail in the Sierra National Forest. Funding and volunteers will help provide trail maintenance, install signage, print quality maps and develop educational outreach.

More information about HUMMER's Recreation Rescue and volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

*Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. Tread Lightly! is the nation's signature ethics message for outdoor enthusiasts that use motorized vehicles. The organization also offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them.*

### **SHARKLIFE NEED GAUTENG BASED ASSISTANCE**

Sharklife is investigating the viability of developing a high profile multipurpose marine education centre in JHB. We have done some preliminary research and established link with important networking partners in the marine field. We now require the expertise of particular professionals to assist with the project development and business proposal.

If you have or know anyone with experience in high level project management, marketing or business development and would like to be part of this new venture, please reply to this mail with your details and I will contact you directly to discuss.

Kind regards

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### **FIRST CHEETAH CUBS BORN IN MOUNTAIN ZEBRA N.P.**

Rangers have caught sight of the first cubs born in the Mountain Zebra National Park, following the introduction of cheetah a year ago. There are now eight cubs roaming the area. It's expected most, if not all, of the cubs will survive as they are the only large predators in the park. All baby animals are cute but these ones also bring new hope to a species listed as vulnerable on IUCN's Red Data List.





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## **IS THIS THE SUV OF THE FUTURE?**

**By Dave Abrahams**

The South African launch of the long-wheelbase Daihatsu Terios started with a bang – lots of them, in fact, as the convoy arrived at Kagga Kamma private nature reserve in the middle of an awe-inspiring thunderstorm and sheets of rain.

The 40km or so of well-graded gravel road up to the lodge would normally be a doddle for any competent soft-roader but with water running 50mm deep across the road in places and soft, gluey mud on the insides of most corners it became something of a challenge – one which the Terios met with impressive assurance, however. Daihatsu has lengthened the second-generation Terios by 315mm to 4370mm (still petite by SUV standards) and wheelbase 105mm to 2685mm to create this additional derivative. All the extra volume is in the tail – the front overhang is actually 5mm less than that of the standard Terios while rear overhang has increased from 800mm to 1015mm.

This has allowed Daihatsu to offer an extra row of seats; the Terios LWB is available either as a seven-seater with a 190-litre boot or a five-seater with more than 600 litres of luggage space. The third row is surprisingly roomy; the only space restriction is that the floor is higher than that of the rest of the vehicle but the peanut gallery isn't only for children. It's perfectly adequate for adults on short journeys.

And if you opt for the seven-seater format you can still fold the second and third rows to create a cargo bay with a completely flat floor capable of swallowing a two-seater couch or 26" mountain bike. Said floor is only 640mm off the ground and flush with the rear door sill to make loading bulky or heavy items easier.

The rest of the interior décor is (almost) standard Terios with comfortable, fabric-upholstered seats, height and reach-adjustable steering column, power mirrors and windows and wide-opening (80 degrees wide!) doors. The layout of the instruments in their triple binnacle has been revised, however, and there's a new centre console (still cheap-looking silver plastic, I'm afraid) with an updated, MP3-compatible sound system and new, simpler and more stylish aircon controls.

There's one more, rather weird, change: the indicator and windscreen wiper stalks have been transposed, with the indicators on the left and the wipers on the right rather than the other way round as on the standard Terios.

A Daihatsu SA staffer explained that the company never used only one supplier for any given component - to avoid supply problems - and that the switchgear for the long-wheelbase Terios was supplied by a different contractor.

Under the bonnet, however, there's the same 1.5-litre engine, pushing out a claimed 80kW at 6000rpm and 141Nm at 4400, driving through a five-speed manual gearbox and a straightforward, full-time, all-wheel drive. It powers the front and rear axles in a 60:40 ratio under normal circumstances but can feed all the power to one axle if it detects wheelspin on the other.

There's no low-range and there are no manual front hubs to lock, only a small button low down on





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the right of the fascia that locks the centre differential to feed power 50:50 to the axles on very loose surfaces.

Daihatsu quotes fuel consumption of 8.1 litres/100km, exceptional for any seven-seater. A two-wheel drive model is available – but only as a seven-seater – with either a five-speed manual or a four-speed automatic transmission; neither was, however, present at the launch.

Which was just as well as we left the lodge well before the crack of dawn the following morning to tackle a fairly robust 4x4 route – made more so by overnight rain – that culminated in an intimidatingly steep and very rocky section into and out of a deep ravine.

The Terioses (Teriae?) were unfazed, their accurate if rather remote power-steering seemingly immune to bump steer and the fierce but well-modulated brakes allowing gentle progression from one wet, slippery rock to the next on the way down. Then a bootful of revs took each vehicle leaping and bounding (the Terios is, after all, a remarkably light and compact SUV) up the opposite slope and out, picking up considerable respect from their drivers along the way.

The rain held off, apart from a shower or two as the convoy picked its way more than 100km through the southern Cederberg on soggy gravel roads that became rougher as we passed deeply isolated farms with names such as Dwarsrivier, Sanddrift, Zonderwater (understandable, I suppose, this preoccupation with water of South African farmers) and Welbedacht, then over the treacherous Uitkyk pass to the Algeria forest station.

The cars were covered in mud up to the door handles and their dampers took some strain on the increasingly bumpy road but apart from a puncture (ironically on the sweep vehicle) and a bent exhaust hanger (10 minutes with a Leatherman fixed *that*) seemed to suffer no ill-effects.

Then we deflated the tyres and went duning in thick, very soft, golden sand near Lamberts Bay on the West Coast. The Terios, with its tiny engine (by off-road standards) and high-revving power delivery, needed a lot of revs to get up the steepest of the dunes and would dig in immediately if you lifted your foot even a little before you reached the top.

The deep gullies between the dunes also highlighted the long-wheelbase Terios' one weakness compared to the standard model. The extra rear overhang has reduced the departure angle from a class-leading 37 to 21 degrees and after a couple of hours in the dunes only one out of seven still had a rear number plate!

But this is a seven-seater, multipurpose SUV we're talking about; if heavy-duty 4x4-ing is your game get yourself the standard-length Terios Off-Road with raised suspension, uprated dampers and extra power. The 300km drive back to Cape Town highlighted a compromise that affects every Terios derivative – the high-revving little engine sounds very busy at highway speeds and needs frequent stirring of the gear lever to maintain forward progress on inclines.

But Daihatsu's long-wheelbase Terios demonstrates that you don't need a five-litre V8 and a million rands' worth of electronic gadgetry to take your family into the wild blue yonder. And, given the current preoccupation with rocketing fuel prices, it may just be an SUV whose time has come.

## Prices

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4x4 five-seater - R208 995  
4x4 seven-seater - R213 995

### **GOUDINI (CAPE) BERGROETE / FEES**

Ons het verlede jaar vir die eerste keer ons Bergroete oopgestel vir die publiek en het baie positiewe terugvoer en navrae ontvang, dus het ons besluit om dit hierdie jaar weer oop te stel. Dit belooft om groot pret te wees en ons WEET dis beslis die geld werd!

Die roete sal hierdie jaar oop wees op die 11de Oktober 2008 vanaf 9:00 tot 14:00

Die Bergroete is 'n privaat roete en word net eenkeer per jaar oopgestel vir Jan Alleman en kan net met 'n 4x4 gery word. (As jy nie een het nie – Ons reël vir jou een! Daar is voertuie wat mense sal vervoer teen geen ekstra koste nie!)

Pakette lyk soos volg:

1. Early Bird Special (Bespreek en betaal voor 15 Julie 2008) – R80 per persoon (Kinders onder 7 gratis). Dit sluit in [Lekker Plaas](#) Ontbyt (Spek, eiers, wors vras gebakte brood en drinke) op die berg, 'n Gratis bottel (250ml) Goudini Hanepoot – vir ons 60ste verjaarsdag!! Gratis inskrywing vir ons kompetisie – waar GROOT pryse gewen kan word.

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3. Early Bird Special -Groep(Bespreek en betaal voor 15 Julie 2008)- Groepe van 5 voertuie of meer kry 10% afslag of opsie 1 of 2.

Die wat nie sover vooruit wil of kan beplan nie, kan steeds op die 11de Oktober 2008 kom die koste beloop dan R80 per persoon (Kinders onder 7 gratis) en sluit in – [Lekker Plaas](#) Ontbyt (Spek, eiers, wors vras gebakte brood en drinke) op die berg.

Indien daar enige vra is of 'n bespreking wil maak, kontak my gerus.

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### **CAN YOU SEE WHEN YOU DRIVE?**

One in three London drivers' eyesight is so poor that they are endangering their own lives as well as those of other drivers and pedestrians. The startling statistics came to light during a random check of drivers' eyesight by Specsavers at a recent Drive Safe roadshow at Olympia. Of the 500 people checked, more than a third were way short of the legal minimum legal requirements.

Despite their failing sight, an astonishing 92 percent of those drivers tested thought regular eye-testing examinations should be compulsory every three years. Furthermore, 89 percent said they would consider regular sight checks if it positively influenced the cost of their car insurance.

Specsavers founder Dame Mary Perkins says: "It has long been suspected that defective sight is a significant contributory factor in road traffic accidents. The objective of our Drive Safe roadshow is to prove that many drivers are unaware that their poor vision could adversely affect their driving.

"These results show that a significant number of London's drivers are worryingly unsafe. Being perceptive and alert as a driver, especially in a congested city such as London, is crucial, so it is vital that they have their eyes examined regularly to ensure they are not putting themselves, or anyone else, at risk."

### **DON'T LEAD ROBBERS TO YOUR HOME**

Johannesburg - Hijackers and other criminals use increasingly more-technological equipment to target people and some could lead them straight to your home. This warning came from ADT security in its latest newsletter.

ADT warned people not to store their home addresses on their global positioning systems (GPSs) as it could lead criminals straight to their homes. Spokesperson Bev McVickter said that hijackers, in particular, used this technology to get to victims' homes. Most GPSs had a function that allowed users to store their home address so that they did not have to type it in every time they used their GPS.

McVickter said: "Criminals can now just type in 'home' or select it and be led straight there." The newsletter advised people to rather store landmarks or public places like shopping centres, which were close to their homes. This would ensure that people still had the convenience of the storage function, without leading robbers straight to their homes.

The newsletter also encouraged people to use the safety function on their GPS, which would prevent unauthorised use. This function meant the GPS had to be switched off when the car's engine was switched off and that it would then require a PIN code when it was reactivated.

### **CLASSIC BALLOON ADVENTURES FOR YOU**

In line with traditional balloon flights, our **Classic Flight** offers guests the serene beauty of floating gently over the Cradle of Humankind or the Magaliesberg, while sipping on champagne, as the pilot allows the balloon at times to drift at tree top height and at other times will ascend into the skies, offering guests a panoramic view of the beautiful African landscape below.

We have launch sites located in the Cradle of Humankind and the Magaliesberg that have been chosen for their close vicinity to the majority of lodges in the area. Alternatively, we will launch





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from any lodge that is more convenient to the client, providing that the lodge has adequate space for the launching of passenger balloons.

The Classic Flight is inclusive of tea/ coffee and biscuits upon arrival, a balloon flight celebrated with champagne and orange juice, full English breakfast at one of our selected lodges, and a commemorative flight certificate presented by the pilot.

Price per person: R 1895 (VAT inclusive)  
Group rate of 6 or more R 1800 per person (VAT inclusive)  
Group rate of 16 - 28 R 1700 per person (VAT inclusive)

Our **Safari Flight** takes the Classic flight beyond traditional boundaries, and is the ultimate in game viewing experiences. Approximately 80% of our flights have sightings of at least two of the Big Five within the hour's flight. The flight launches from the heart of the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve and usually covers a large portion of the Reserve before moving into the surrounding game reserves, offering guests unique game viewing and photographic opportunities.

The Reserve is conveniently located within the world heritage site 'The Cradle of Humankind', and is an approx. 30 min drive from Joburg and 40min drive from Pretoria.

The Safari Flight is inclusive of game drives through both the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve, and the private game reserve of n'Gomo Safari Lodge. The flight is celebrated with champagne and orange juice, full English breakfast, and rounded off with an exciting game drive through the predator camp.

Price per person: R 1995 (VAT inclusive)  
Group rate of 6 or more R 1900 per person (VAT inclusive)  
Group rate of 16 - 28 R 1790 per person (VAT inclusive)

The **Exclusive balloon flight** offers a unique personal balloon experience in one of our smaller balloons, restricted to the use of two passengers only. This exclusive balloon hire adds to the romance of the flight, as you are able to enjoy the experience of drifting silently across the beautiful African landscape, while sipping on champagne, in complete privacy with your partner, watching a spectacular sun rise.

You may feel free to interact with one of our experienced pilots, or you may chose to drift in silence with your loved one, giving the flight a very personal touch, and leaving you with fond memories. These flights are perfect for engagements, anniversaries, birthdays, romantic getaways or any other special occasion that you would like to make an unforgettable experience. Tailor make your balloon flight by choosing from our various balloon packages, whether it be game viewing over the Cradle of Humankind, or gently floating though the valleys of the Magaliesberg.

Classic Exclusive Flight for two R 5500 (VAT inclusive)  
Safari Exclusive Flight for two R 6000 (VAT inclusive)





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#### **4x4 FAMILY DAY**

We are hosting a **4x4 FAMILY DAY ON 7 JUNE 2008** for fundraising for Ellisras Hoërskool on a Private Game Reserve north of Ellisras. Main sponsors and organizers for the day are LA SPORT, CANVASS & TENT, FAHAD PRIVATE GAME RESERVE and SANLAM.

We would like to invite yourselves and/or club members to attend the day, or – as there would be a number of exhibitors – to exhibit products, etc. The objective is to have a FUN DAY and to do fundraising for the school.

More details are on the e-mailer hereunder, but the day basically involves the following:

- **PIETER KOEN WILL BE PERFORMING THROUGHOUT THE DAY**
- **4x4 TRACK [45 minutes]** This is a technical track with axel twisters, a pole-bridge river crossing, mud pool, rocks, sand, canter-lever bridge, etc and designed to be challenging without braking your family 4x4 vehicle. [we have RED ZONES for the rough guys!!]
- **30km QUAD TRAIL** along the Limpopo River [organized by the local 4x4 Club with Marshalls, etc.]
- **BEER TENT**
- **LIMPOPO BOAT TRIPS**
- **CHOPPER TRIPS**
- **MANY EXHIBITORS**
- **FOOD STALLS**
- **ETC, ETC.**

For those who want to stay over we have accommodation options from 4-star lodges, Family camps or a beautiful Camp Site on the banks of the Mogolo River available. Entrance fees are very reasonable.

Kindly contact Chantell at 014 763 6054/6 or on [reservations@africa-game-farms.co.za](mailto:reservations@africa-game-farms.co.za) for further information. You will find a map of our reserve on the latest Tracks4Africa CD update, and the GPS coordinates on the flyer.

Best regards  
Hendrik Tempel

#### **Bhejane 4X4 Adventures**

Bhejane 4X4 Adventures was formed with the vision of conducting guided self drive 4X4 trails into the remoter areas of Southern Africa. Our objective is to involve everyone in the ecological, historical, cultural, ornithological components of the areas we visit.

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





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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 either English, Afrikaans, Zulu or Tswana.

**For further information regarding the listed tours (see the website):**

Contact: Frank: **044 535 9257** or **082 323 3561**

Dennis: **044 535 9257** or **082 572 4945**

Fax: **044 535 9257**

E mail: [info@bhejane.com](mailto:info@bhejane.com) / Web: [www.bhejane.com](http://www.bhejane.com)

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## **Industry Training (everybody welcome)**

Training is offered by the professionals, for you, the professional. Offered by 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club, our training is executed by PROFESSIONALS in their area of expertise. We also strive to make it price competitive, so as to bring it to the layman, at an affordable rate. See our vast offering for 2008, below.

### **1. Snake Identification and Snake Bite Treatment Course**

The first course has run for the year and was extremely well attended. This is a must do course, especially on the snake bite treatment side. 5 of us successfully completed the 'optional' test for a FGASA Accredited Certificate during January, and having postponed attendance for many years, I am sincerely glad I attended this now. Also presented by one of only 2 venom 'tappers' in SA, Mike, a true professional indeed. Request details for next course. Also offers a Snake handling course, post the first course and then the exciting BLACK MAMBA handling course.

### **2. Level 1 First Aid Certificate**

This course covers the latest methods and practices in a 16 hour training session over 2 days, for the requisite Level 1 certification as required by Law. Again, presented by a professional training authority and a practical and fun Dr. Ricky, candidates learn the basics of the CPR requirements, wound dressings and accident scene administration. A must do for moms with small kids, high school students (part of the national curriculum) and off-road and outdoor enthusiasts.

### **3. Bush Survival Course for Overlanders / 4x4ers**

The course is presented on a bush farm called Lalapanzi, which is situated near Magaliesberg ± 107km from Midrand. The aim of the course is to teach survival skills to families planning 4X4 overland camping holiday trips in Africa. By participating in this course the family will gain confidence for a 4X4 overland trip that could have dire consequences in the event of a breakdown in a remote and desolate uninhabited area. The knowledge gained on the course will teach them how to deal with the situation.

These courses are scheduled over weekends thus enabling the family to become involved, and allowing a weekend camping at the bush farm campsite where facilities are available—self catering.





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**4. GPS Software Course (Next Course – 12 September 2008)**

This course is presented by SA's Mr GPS, Kevin Bolton and deals with the PC Software aspect of your GPS environment. This includes Theory & Practical training in GPS Software Usage (Mapsource, T4A, Google Earth etc.). It is a 3 hour workshop, where candidates must bring their own GPS and Laptop / Notebook with software.

**5. GPS Course (Next Course – 13-14 September 2008)**

This course is also presented by SA's Mr GPS, Kevin Bolton and deals with the Theory & Practical training in GPS Technology & Usage covering: Satellite Navigation theory, Faults and error in the system and problem areas, Datums, Projections, Co-ordinate systems (Includes practical), GPS screens, GPS menus, Configuration of your GPS, Practical route (GoTo's, Routes and BackTrak), Etc. Includes 35 page manual & 1:50 000 map.

If you do not have a GPS one will be provided – please just indicate such, as we will help you out during the course.

**6. Driver Training Courses (Full schedule available)**

We are teaming up with one of the oldest and most professional driver training outfits in Gauteng and will be presenting the following training courses:

- Introduction to 4x4 Driving
- Advanced Offroad Driving
- Skid Control and Defensive Driving
- Mechanical Fault Finding

**7. Bush Medical Course (6-7 September 2008)**

It happens often that the 4x4 traveler / overlander is being confronted with the prospect of having to treat medical conditions and make decisions, far beyond their scope of experience and knowledge. This happens as a direct result of the areas that we find ourselves in. The remoteness of certain areas give us the feeling of adventure, but also place us in areas, where medical infra-structure and care is limited and sometimes non-existent. Minor medical problems have the potential to become very serious, if not managed correctly. On the other hand, one might be confronted to break up camp prematurely and head home.

Dr Neil (General Practitioner / Occupational Health Practitioner) has been presenting the BUSH MEDICINE COURSE for the past 5 years in the Western Cape, as well as in Gauteng. The course usually consists of two modules, each lasting a full day (roughly 6 - 8 hours depending on the group). It is very practical (you get to learn to suture lacerations and practice CPR on dummies). Due to time constraints, and the need to present such a course, it was decided to present the most important chapters over 1 day (8 hours), leaving the rest for self study. A certificate is provided to those attending. After completion, you should be able to initiate and manage most medical emergencies, as well as make the right decisions. The conditions are to be discussed, presented and highlighted.

**8. Fire Fighting for Campers Course (Completed for 2008)**

The concept of this training session is twofold and aims to deal with the serious stuff and theory for the adults or driver, with a separate session for the moms and the kids – you





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can decide how you want to split it. The workshop will be dealt with by professional emergency services trained and qualified personnel.

The main lecture with accompanying handbook for notes. Explanations and demonstrations. Then it will be followed up by a practical session outside with firepans etc. The moms and kids will attend an enthusiastic and fun orientated practical lesson also by a professional, so they do not need sit through the lecture.

Each family subscribing will get 1 handbook only, included in the price.

#### **9. Emergency Tyre Repair Course**

This course / workshop will take place in Centurion later this year and hosted by a leading tyre dealership. Learn how to use that plastic tub of goodies you bought and have never used! A must do workshop for all offroaders.

*Other courses will be presented as we go along. Watch the newsletter and direct mail shots for further details and the program once it has been released. Tell your friends. Send email to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za)*

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## **MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS**

### **MASAZANE BREAKAWAYS – UP TO 8 DAYS:**

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

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

#### **CAMP AFRICA HUTS AND CAMPSITE (LIMPOPO, RSA)**

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

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

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

**Dave (GP 0838) and Jacqui (GP 0773) van Graan**  
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## ***From the Tracks – Reader Feedback***

### **NEWSLETTER READER FEEDBACK**

*Thank you Alan. You have the aptitude to bring us so close to the bush and the wild. Keep it up.*  
Regards  
Dawie Annandale  
Nelspruit

Want to look at my last Vic Falls shopping account? I bought food for 11 persons for a one night braai, it cost me in total Zim \$5 877 000 000 (that's billions) it was as follows;

Steak R62.56 (11 rump steaks)  
Beers R105 (Case of 24 Zambezi pints)  
Chickens R155 (4kg of chicken pieces)  
Veg/salad R44.75 (Only used half of what was supplied)

The total in Zim \$5 877 000 000 and in Rand 367.  
Amazing hey!

Jonathan Greengrass

### **A SAD GOODBYE FROM MANKWE**

Dear All.

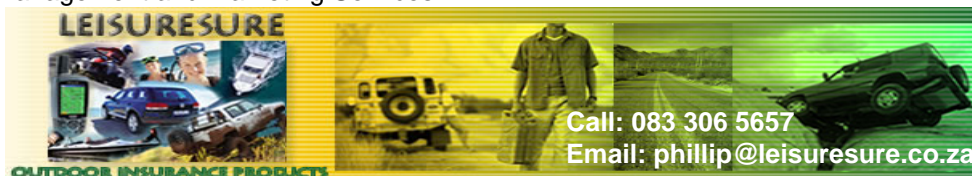
It is with mixed feelings that I am sending this email to you all. After three years I am moving on to a new adventure. I wish to thank every one that I have worked with and that I have come to know so well. It was a privilege to work with you and hope to see or hear from you again.

I am leaving you in the very capable hands of Sonja Scheepers that is taking over from me, and her assistant Donna Coker. I have the fullest confidence in them that they will be able to assist you in the best possible way.

All of the best.

Talita

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*(Cheers Talita and thanks for the many years of good service to our club and the public at large. Ed.)*

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## **AFRICA BUSHCRAFT AND SURVIVAL ADVENTURES**

ALL ITINERARIES, TOUR INFO, PHOTOS, COSTS CAN BE VIEWED ON [www.africa-bushcraft.co.za](http://www.africa-bushcraft.co.za)

### **TOURS FOR 2008:**

#### **ROOF OF AFRICA**

14<sup>th</sup> August—17 August 2008

#### **CUNENE TO CONGO RIVER—ANGOLA**

13<sup>th</sup> July 2008—5<sup>th</sup> August 2008

27<sup>th</sup> August 2008—19<sup>th</sup> September 2008

#### **MOUNTAIN OF THE MAMBA GAME VIEWING SAFARI**

27<sup>th</sup> September 2008—30<sup>th</sup> September 2008

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

**SEND EMAIL TO [4buy4direct@mweb.co.za](mailto:4buy4direct@mweb.co.za) for the exciting NEW PRODUCT BROCHURE**

### **NEW TOW DEVICE FOR ALL VEHICLES**

We have just been appointed as an agent (direct & dealer sales) for this unique outdoor recovery product – 4x4 or home use - and now in the position to market it to you. This is a launch offer for 30 days only.

This product is indeed universal, and will fit any vehicle (4x4, tour bus, car etc.), as the ideal solution for towing a broken down vehicle, without a tow rope, and the hassle thereof. Every tried to tow a 'novice' behind a broken down vehicle? It is nothing less than a nightmare.

The TRAX BAR is made of stainless steel, is compact – unhooks to form two pieces, and can be carried easily in the boot of any vehicle. The uniquely designed 'clips' can attach to the pin type tow ball (not recommended on a standard towball), or a vehicle's recovery points. A strategically placed pin joins the 2 pieces, with a unique safety clip for solid holding while the units are joined. Furthermore, the unit 's joins in 2 positions, so that the clip locks in either a horizontal or upright position on either vehicle.

This unique product also comes in a handy carry bag, with an easy carrying handle.

CSIR tested up to 20 TON!



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### **NEW SPOTLIGHT**

Once in a while you come across an amazing product and this is one of those. A little torch called the SPOTLIGHT but what makes this torch unique is that it is tiny, fits in the lighter socket of your vehicle and gets charged there....no problem with looking for batteries.

This compact light is a convenient solution for when you need some extra light. Whether it's changing a tire, searching for lost items or locating your keys, the spotlight will always be at it's peak power. Due to the clever charging system, your vehicle's 12 volt power outlet (cigarette lighter) the spotlight is always charged, ready to help and within reach.



This product is available from 4buy4 Direct Store now for R185.00. To get your SPOTLIGHT send an enquiry to [4buy4direct@mweb.co.za](mailto:4buy4direct@mweb.co.za). Price excludes delivery.

### **SAFARI CENTRE COOLER BOX**

Safari Centre will soon have a new product available in our stores. This 40L- fiber glass cooler box is extremely efficient since it keeps ice in its original format for a very long time. The lid seals very well and the hinges as well as the clips are of a very high quality.



Price: R1595-00

Phone our National Customer Care line at **0861 SAF 4X4 (0861 723 494)** or visit a Safari Centre Branch near you





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

### **FIRE FIGHTING COURSE**

The annual Fire Fighting Course was once again well attended with over 26 people and 16 families being represented. Once again the impact of the children's focus was tremendous and their experience on the day with Fireman Etienne, and the handouts and booklets received were much appreciated by all.

Feedback from one of the families was that their son has started changing things around the house based on what he learned on the day. We experienced that as well when our youngster demanded his electric blanket be removed from his bed, last year!

This is a great course and worth attending indeed.

### **BRIDGESTONE GPS CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to Hendrik and Ivan Behrtel for winning the event, and Geert de Vries and navigator for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rest of the team did well enough on the day to give our club team a win on the day. All the results are published on [www.bridgestone.co.za](http://www.bridgestone.co.za) under the 4x4 Fundi pages. WELL DONE ALL! Excellent organizing by fellow members Kevin Bolton and Johan Mostert, saw a great day had by all

*Johan & Kevin,*

*Daar is net een word om Saterdag se ondervinding te beskryf: "MURSE !" Baie dankie vir 'n heerlike, goed-georganiseerde en baie leersame dag. Dit was die heel eerste GPS challenge waaraan ek deelgeneem het, en beslis nie die laaste nie.*

*Lekker week vir julle.*

*Johann Ungerer*

### **ENTHUSIAST MEETING**

Another successful evening – that is all I can say. Not even the foul weather and the traffic, never mind the ice cold temperatures could hold anybody back from the warm reception given to us by 4x4 Megaworld in Meadowvale.

The evening started off with boerie rolls and limited drinks being made available for all, where after Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Craig Moffat, the manager of the branch then did his welcome, where after Alan presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support during 2008.

Johan Kriek then introduced the crowd to the new 4x4 Megaworld Transfrontier Census Competition in the days of endurance collecting Data in the Parque Nacional do Limpopo from 19th to 24 of September 2008, R4000 per vehicle. People were told about the initiative, the local involvement and the purpose. This was indeed very interesting. Contact your nearest store for entry details.





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Next, Back on Track showed us 2 amazing products - Back on Track's Tyre Repair Kit and our new EASE OUT Multi Bag. Dirk Botha certainly did his products proud on the night and an enlightening DVD was watched by all.

Bernie Kirsten the spoke to us about Guinjita Bay and what they have to offer in Mozambique. They also donated a stunning accommodation prize worth R7400 which was won by the ever lucky Johan Claasen.

Solar lighting solutions for the camper, 4x4 enthusiast or home – Bring on Eskom! Exciting new products were shown to us by Michael Addinall of Mndandi Solar Solutions

Mike Perry then hand everybody off their seats (really!), when he started letting his Puffies and Mambas out on the floor of the shop in a live display and talk about his courses. Snake Handling and Snake Bite Treatment by African Reptiles & Venom.

Adolf Waldelich, owner of African Outback discussed the German and European market and then introduced us to some stunning new products in manufacture, especially his array of roof top tents and Land Cruiser fittings, as well as the stunning new canopies.

Richard Giller introduced the latest Engel fridge to us, where after Alan Goodway introduced a new cigarette lighter based torch / spotlight and a towing solution for safe towing of cars / 4x4's – a must have new item!

Thereafter there was a break and everybody browsed the shop and spent some Mula. We managed to raise money for the Anti-Poaching fund and then did the raffle. All in all, a great evening yet again amongst friends. Watch for the next meeting!



*Morning Alan,*

*Just a short note to say thank you once again. The crowd was great, friendly and the response from there side was awesome. Please forward my thanks to your members as to the donation collected were R745.95.*

*Look forward to the next meeting and hopefully weather will be kind to us. Regards,*

*Craig Moffat*

*Branch manager*

*4x4 Mega World*





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

### **WANTED – A CANOPY**

I am looking for a second hand executive canopy for a 2003 Colt Rodeo 4x4 Double Cab - White.  
Regards  
Alexis - 082-334-1646.

### **PAJERO SWB FOR SALE**

It's done 128000km, its 2003, 3.2 DID SWB manual. It has full service history, never been in an accident and comes with smash and grab, tow bar and NETSTAR early warning system already installed.

Reason for selling, I love them so much I had to go out and buy a new one as this one is now paid of!

R175 000 neg, finance, licensing and trade-ins can be arranged.  
Jonathan Greengrass (send email enquiry to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za))

### **FOR SALE**

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Call Antonie for further details (012) 653 9428

### **DISCO FOR SALE**

I AM SELLING A 1995 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY V8 GOLD IN COLOUR FOR R 35000.00.  
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PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CLUB MEMBERS  
THANKS  
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## **2 VEHICLES FOR SALE – CRUISER & FORD**

I have the following vehicles for private sale:

1. Toyota Land Cruiser Station Wagon PROJECT  
1984 Model  
Toyota Lexus Enjin  
Gearbox  
Propshafts  
Transfer Case  
Everything in working condition  
R40 000 or nearest offer
2. Ford Ranger 4.0l 4x4 2005  
63 000km  
White  
Excellent condition  
Full Service History  
R175 000 or nearest offer;

Photos are available on request. Contact  
Theunis van der Westhuizen  
Tel. 083 284 6229  
Klerksdorp  
**(Preferably after hours)**

## **GOODS FOR SALE**

Dear Alan

Thank you for advertising my Trailer which has been sold. May I ask you to please offer for sale the following items in your monthly E-Zine

- 1 x Quest 2 GPS with SA Roadmaps V4 and update - R3,999
- 1 x E Trex Vista C still in box - R1,500
- 1 x National Luna Battery Box without battery - R1,300
- 2 x Frontrunner roofrack double jerry can holders - R500 each
- 1 x Mobitronic 300watt inverter - R200

Interested parties can contact me on 0762400062  
Many thanks  
Patrick

## **TENTS FOR SALE – BARGAIN**

I have two bow tents for sale. They are the heavy duty green canvas type. 3m x 3m. Good condition. R 1200 each. We have just moved house and storage space has become a problem.

Best Regards,  
John Fuller  
082 447-5019





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## *Flat Wheel – Light Relief*

Dear friends

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder and this is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway,  
I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage,  
I notice mail on the hall table, I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.  
I lay my car keys on the table, Put the junk mail in the waste bin under the table,  
And notice that the bin is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the rubbish first. But then I think,  
Since I'm going to be near the post box, When I take out the rubbish anyway,  
I may as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table, And see that there is only  
one cheque left.

My extra cheques are in my desk in the study. So I go to my desk where I find the cup of tea I'd  
been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, But first I need to push the tea aside So that I  
don't accidentally knock it over.

The tea is getting cold, And I decide to put it in the kitchen to wash up. As I head toward the  
kitchen with the tea, A vase of flowers on the worktop catches my eye--they need water. I put the  
tea on the worktop and discover my reading glasses that i've been searching for all morning.

I decide I'd better put them back on my desk, But first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the  
glasses back down on the worktop, Fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote.  
Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, i'll be looking for the remote, But I won't remember  
that it's on the kitchen table, So I decide to put it back in the sitting room where it belongs, But  
first i'll water the flowers. I go to pour some water in the flowers, But most of it spills on the floor;

So, I set the remote back on the table, Get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down  
the hall trying to Remember what I was planning to do. At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed  
The bills aren't paid  
There is a cold cup of tea sitting on the worktop  
The flowers don't have enough water,  
There is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,  
I can't find the remote,  
I can't find my glasses,  
And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.  
Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today,





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I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day,  
And I'm really tired.  
I realize this is a serious problem,  
And i'll try to get some help for it,  
But first i'll check my e-mail....

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder, somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

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