



Trails & Tribulations...

There we go! The first 31 days of 2007 are history. Well, I hope that this year is a great year and that we all live our dreams to the fullest. In reflection, last year was a great one, but also had its moments when we lost some good friends in the industry. One cannot help but to remember them as we get excited about our adventures this year. May their loved ones have recovered this travesty and be strong on the road ahead this coming year.

With so much opportunity out there, it is evident that many people changed jobs during the start of 2007. I notice this with a flurry of email address changes come through. Who says the economy is in a bad shape? Email firewalls still remain a problem, so if your bud complains that he/she is not getting it; get them to change their address. Crime is on the decrease they say, but the amount of email chain letters and the SMS thing that plagued us last week, seems to indicate otherwise. Remember, when you are out there, be vigilant in your observation. Don't take peaceful venues and places for granted. Look what has happened 3 times in the Kozi Bay area in just over a month!

Well, a shorter edition this month, as we released the first newsletter just 2-3 weeks ago. This edition resembles competition to Auto Trader this month – see the 'for sale' section for bargain bakkies and trailers. Seems as though Father Christmas may have been around in December.

This month sees the AAWDC AGM electing new committee members again. I believe it should also be the year that the NOW initiative either takes off or hits a brick wall. Submissions have been made to the Ministry, and we now wait to see what happens next. Glynn Demmer and team have furiously tackled the driver training and trainer standards last year, and this should result in some positive happenings this year.

What does 2007 hold for us? Shows a plenty. The first show, the Beeld Holiday Show starts on the 9th of February. Make sure you attend. Some club members like Kevin Bolton (Mr GPS SA), Alex Smit from Eco4x4Africa Tours will be on the show, and I will probably be at those 2 stands on Saturday 10th, for those who want to shoot the breeze in and have a chat. Nice to meet the regular readers and supporters of our training.

Talk about Training, the first GPS Course of this year will be held on the weekend of the 24-25th February in Centurion. Send an email if you are interested. We plan to present many courses if we can secure the presenters, again this year. Watch this space.

So, until next month, remember to treat your Valentine and make it special for the one you love – it does not have to cost a cent! Love is Free! Have a good one....

Yours in 4x4ing.

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Shows, Training & Other Events

- **BEELD Holiday Show, Gallagher Estate – 9-11 February**
- **GPS Training – Centurion – 24-25 February**
- AIM Shooter Show – 23-25 March
- LA Sport Show – May (TBA)
- 4x4 ATV Show – Pretoria (TBA)
- Getaway Show – 24-26 August
- The GPS Challenge Finals – 27-28 October
- Outdoor Show – Kyalami - TBA

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2007

2. Lesotho Tour: 16-25 Feb 2007: Start in Clarens – 10 vehicles
3. Pilansberg Weekend: 2-4 Mar 2007: Bakgatla – 10 vehicles
4. Namibia Tour: 16-25 Mar 2007: North Namibia – 6 vehicles
5. Kalahari Tour: 31/3 – 9 Apr 2007: Easter / Botswana – 10 vehicles - Full
6. Lesotho Long Weekend: 27/4 – 1 May 2007: Start in Clarens – 10 vehicles
7. Serengeti Tour: 6 May – 6 June 2007: Tanzania & Zanzibar – 7 vehicles -Full
8. Serengeti Tour: 24 Jun – 25 Jul 2007: Tanzania & Zanzibar – 7 vehicles Full
9. Lesotho Long Weekend: 9 – 12 Aug 2007: Lesotho – 10 vehicles
10. Bird view Tour: 25 Aug – 1 Sep 2007: Okovango Delta – 10 vehicles
11. Kalahari Tour: 22 – 29 Sep 2007: Botswana – 10 vehicles
12. Mozambique Tour: 17 – 26 Nov 2007: Inhambane – 5 vehicles
13. Namibia Tour: 14 – 31 Dec 2007: From North to South– 10 vehicles

2008

14. Serengeti Tour: 2008 : 4 May – 4 June 2008: Tanzania & Zanzibar – 7 vehicles
15. Serengeti Tour: 2008 : 1 July – 31 August 2008: Tanzania & Zanzibar – 7 vehicles (60Days)
16. Serengeti Tour: 2008 : 7 Dec – 7 Jan 2009: Tanzania & Zanzibar – 7 vehicles

Just a quick preview of what you can expect for 2007/2008. You just can't beat our flexible and affordable tours, all with catering included. Please come and visit our walk-in Eco Shop in Silverton on the c/o De Boulevard & President streets from the 1st of March 2007

Kind regards

Alex & Alta

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January 2007

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

FREE IF YOU SMS – SERENGETI TOUR PRESENTATION

Serengeti Presentation this coming Friday night

Date 2 Feb 2007

Place Church Street 1217 - Between Duncan and Gordon

Traveling to the east

1217 On right-hand side

View the green devils fork / palisade

Time 18h30 for 19h00

Presentation 90min with DVD and bigscreen view

Presentation end 21h00 with Q&A

Format - Bring and braai with own everything

We supply --- Fire, pap&sous and 1 salad

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RSVP --- time not later than Friday Noon 12h00

Alex Smit

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SEE KINGSLEY HOLGATE AND SUPPORT ROTARY FUNDRAISER

Hi Alan,

I am involved with the Benoni Aurora Rotary Club and through a donation of free books to Kingsley Holgate, he has agreed to talk at a fundraiser, with the proceeds going to his next adventure.

We are having a breakfast at the OR Tambo International Hotel on the 22nd February, tables of 10 for R3000.00 each. Our club would appreciate it if you could circulate this amongst your members, they can contact me directly.

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LEISURE WHEELS ON SALE

After a welcome festive break - followed by a hectic three weeks in January cancelling out all the relaxation of the holidays - the February/March issue of Leisure Wheels has been put to bed. The first issue for 2007 goes on sale the week of 5 February.

As usual, the magazine is filled with exciting adventure articles. The new Hyundai Santa Fe takes to Botswana to prove that it's able to handle off-road admirably; and all South Africa's luxury Sport-Utility Vehicles go to the Kalahari's Riemvasmaak and Mier areas to prove their mettle. The three-part series on "Mozambique's Empty Corner" - where you see no other tourists - concludes in this issue, and there are reports on two interesting 4x4 trails in the Kalahari. Wondering where to go for the annual holiday or long weekend?

Ten off-road and safari operators' itineraries for 2007 are featured in the February/March issue. Road tests include the Clash of the Titans - Mercedes-Benz ML63 AMG versus Range Rover Sport V8SC - and the brand new eight-pot oil-burner, the Range Rover TDV8.

Then it was off to Morocco to meet Land Rover's long-awaited Freelander 2 in person. Finally, don't miss the new-look specs and prices pages for informative and amusing summations of all the SUVs available today.

FUN 4x4 DAY AT DOORNRIVIER 4x4 FARM, ZEERUST

Zeerust - Marico Bosveld. (40km vanaf Botswana) *Twee en 'n half uur van Gauteng.* Vrydag 30 Maart – Sondag 1 April 2007. 'n 4x4 Gesinsnaweek waar u voertuie nie gaan krap of seerkry nie (opsionele, vrywillige bane vir die adrenalien-jagters!!). Ry verskeie roetes as 'n groep, wildbesigtiging is ook beskikbaar.

Bestaande kampeerterrein:

- Boma met groot kuierarea
- Genoeg ablusieblokke,
- Warm storte,
- Swembad,
- 3 bestaande houthuise:
 - 1 x groot - slaap 4 @ R 100 p.p.p.n. ekstra
 - 2 x kleiner - slaap 2 @ R 100 p.p.p.n. ekstra
- Huis met 4 slaapkamers vir 18 persone @ R 50 p.p.p.n. ekstra
 - Kamer 1 – 1 dubbelbed & 4 enkelbeddens
 - Kamer 2 – 1 dubbelbed & 2 enkelbeddens
 - Kamer 3 – 1 dubbelbed & 2 enkelbeddens
 - Kamer 4 – 1 dubbelbed & 2 enkelbeddens
- Kampeerterrein: U bring u eie tent en kamptoerusting – 220v kragpunt en water ingesluit by alle kampplekke

Ons verskaf:

- Koffie en beskuit elke oggend met opstaan,
- ± 11uur "brunch" by die plek van besigtiging,
- Aandetes en lekker kuier die twee aande,
- Verversings en koeldrank Saterdagdaand.

'n Onvergeetlike naweek waar u as gesin kom 4x4 in die Marico Bosveld, u voertuig kom leer ken (sonder seermaak), vriende maak en kom ontspan.

INSKRYWINGSGELD:

R1200 vir 1 of 2 persone, R1500 per gesin van 3 of 4 persone en R200 p.p. addisioneel. Inskrywings sluit 20 Maart 2007. Maksimum van 20 voertuie.

GEEN motorfietse of vierwielmotorfietse, asook harde musiek en lawaai word toegelaat nie!!

R300 deposito met elke inskrywing. Balans met aankoms Vrydagmiddag vanaf 15:00.

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Vir verdere verwysing besoek Website www.doorrivier.co.za. Kyk ook artikel in Leisure Wheels Desember uitgawe p120.

ITS HOT – WATCH FOR PUFFIES!!!!

PUFF ADDERS

At this time of year when it is hot and wet, snakes are very active and hikers in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park should be careful where they step especially off paths. The puff adder is probably the most widespread snake in Africa, and this very common species often inflicts bites on hikers. They very seldom move out of the way when approached. When hiking, step carefully over objects where you cannot see the other side.

They have very distinctive large triangular heads with Chevron markings that extend down the body. In the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensberg the Puff Adder is generally brightly coloured, either black and bright yellow, or black and deep orange, with the lighter colours appearing in backward-pointing chevrons along its full length.

It is an easily excitable snake that will hiss or puff loudly when disturbed. Should this warning not be adhered to they will recoil dropping the chin ready to strike out. They will readily bite and any bite must be treated as potentially life threatening. Venom yields are quite large ranging from 100-350mg, and around 100mg is considered fatal. It has one of the fastest strikes in the world of around 7 metres per second. The poison is virulently cytotoxic (cell-destroying), but slow acting. The bite is followed by immediate and severe pain, accompanied by alarmingly rapid swelling and bruising at the bite site.

Life-endangering effects such as pronounced shock do not normally appear until 12 to 24 hours after the bite. Extensive cell damage can result in gangrene and may require the amputation of the affected limb if medical attention is not received soon enough. The hatchlings are as lethal as the parents, they just offer smaller venom yields.

Treat as an extreme emergency. Calm and immobilise the victim. In most cases of puff adder bites the use of antivenom is essential. DO NOT APPLY A PRESSURE BANDAGE! Do not use vasopressors (drugs which increase the blood pressure) because these will increase swelling at the bite site.

Don't let this put you off hiking. I have hiked the 'Berg' for many years, seen lots of Puff Adders and never come near being bitten!

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U.S DRIVERS EAT, SHAVE, EMAIL - OH, AND DRIVE

January 23, 2007 – www.motoring.co.za

Andrea Hopkins

A survey by a United States insurance company shows 81 percent of Americans do more than drive when they're behind the wheel. More than eight of 10 people surveyed said they adjusted the radio or music while they drive, while 73 percent talked on the phone, 68 percent ate, 19 percent sent text messages and 5 percent checked their e-mail. Personal hygiene was also a big driver distraction, with 19 percent fixing their hair, 12 percent putting on makeup and two 2 percent shaving while at the controls of a car.

Associate vice president of safety at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Bill Windsor said: "Clearly Americans have much to do and little time to do it so we've become multi-taskers. "The problem with that is driving requires focus, and multi-tasking while driving puts you and your fellow drivers at risk."

Drivers in the survey also admitted to changing seats with passengers, watching a movie, painting their toenails, nursing a baby and putting in contact lenses while driving. The survey found younger drivers multi-task the most with 35 percent of 18-to-27 year olds saying they always multi-task in the car, compared to 21 percent of baby boomers.

Windsor said the consequences for young drivers are severe, with car accidents being the biggest cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 27. "The bottom line is if you can do it in the kitchen, bathroom, office or bedroom, you shouldn't do it in your car," he said.

Most of the activities listed in the survey are not illegal, however, unless they are determined to be the cause of an accident.

The survey of 1200 drivers between the ages of 18 and 60 found that while 83 percent believed they were safe drivers, 38 percent admitted they had driven a certain distance without any recollection of doing so.

Sandra Guile, spokeswoman for the American Automobile Association in Cincinnati, said the automobile club's driving instructors had seen it all, and worked hard to try to correct bad habits. "Imagine if you're going 90km/h down the road and you spill something on your suit and you have a meeting that day," she said. "You're going to be more worried about grabbing a napkin than watching the road. "But it just takes a split second to look away and there's an accident."

Cincinnati professor Penny Braboy said that while she never eats or makes phone calls while driving, she does answer the phone if it rings - and she admits to other distractions. "I have put on lipstick in the car," Braboy, 55, said with a laugh. "And I might try to look for something in my handbag, which I know is dangerous." But she said her distractions had never caused an accident.

"I try to be careful," she said, getting into her sport utility vehicle, Starbucks coffee in hand. - Reuters

NISSAN OWNER NEEDS HELP

Hi Alan

I have a 1994 Nissan Patrol and I am looking for some hub capstan winches. I appreciate they may be rare. If not available commercially can you suggest someone that might be willing to make some up for me?

Many thanks

Rod – send email to 4x4offroad@mweb.co.za if you can help.

CROSS PLY VS RADIAL TYRES - By Mick Farmer.

I was inspired to revisit this subject by a "late night" conversation with friends who had just fitted cross-ply tyres to their vehicles without realizing it. Many 4x4 owners still go for this option either for tradition, cost or just blind faith in the information given by the tyre dealer. In reality they are a false economy and they are not as safe as radial tyres.

If we look at the history of tyres we find that all tyres were of cross-ply manufacturing process until Michelin invented the radial tyre process in the early 1970s; and if you remember the advert campaigns, they were deemed, by an ex police chief with a funny voice, as a "major contribution to road safety.". He has subsequently been proven to be absolutely spot on with his statement. Understanding why this point is correct, is fundamental in understanding why we should refrain from fitting cross-ply tyres to our vehicles when they are going to be used for general and even fairly extreme off-road driving.

The way that radial tyres are manufactured give them a flexible side wall whilst still retaining strength. This flexible sidewall allowed greater control over the direction of the tyre on the road and hence the vehicle went where you steered it without any hesitancy! Also, and of extreme importance, it allowed the tyre to retain its contact patch on corners rather than lean on a corner and lose contact.

The cross-ply tyre has opposite qualities because it has a rigid sidewall. This rigid sidewall and the general design of the tyre don't allow heat to dissipate as effectively and the tyre wears out faster. Also, they don't have a very high speed rating. Generally about 80 - 100 KPH. What this means is, if you drive in excess of this speed for over 4 hours you risk a blow out. This is why most vehicle manufacturers don't recommend fitting cross-ply tyres onto their vehicles.

Then the question of how to recognize whether the tyre is one or the other arose. This is very straight forward. A common size of tyre for a 4x4 is 750 16. If it is written on the tyre 750R16 it means it is one of the good guys. The R standing for radial. If it doesn't have the R, i.e. 750-16, then it's one of the cheaper type. If it's a profiled tyre such as 235/85R16 then it will be a radial.

The two types of tyre should never be mixed on a 4x4 (or on any other vehicle for that matter). If you think about it, if you do you have one type of tyre that has a mind of its own and tends to want to wander and the other that you have control over working against each other then this could lead to a dangerous loss of control. I have seen some folks carrying a cross-ply as a spare. If you are one of these then I would suggest changing it to suit the other four or if you have to use it then make sure you drive carefully until you can get the damaged one repaired.

Saying that, cross-ply tyres still have their place and generally can be fitted to vehicles that work in extremely harsh environments where there are no roads and the tyre risks getting side wall punctures from tree stumps or sharp rocks.

As a side note, whatever tyre you decide to fit ensure that you follow the vehicle manufacturers' recommendations for tyre pressures for that size and manufacturing process of tyre. Under

inflated tyres are dangerous and can take off at least 20% off a tyre's life. Obviously wildly over inflated tyres are just as dangerous with the same effect on lifespan.

DO YOU WANT A FORTUNER AND STILL IN THE QUEUE? – TAKE MINE!!!

Hi Alan

I believe "my" Fortuner I ordered 9 months ago is about to be delivered (second week February, if I can believe them). As you know I have decided against it but perhaps you know of someone who is waiting for one.

Unfortunately I have to be the one buying it and I have to take delivery of it and "technically" the next guy buys it off me. This is the only way the dealer will allow me the car, which I suppose is fair.

Subject to no base price increase (presently at R331 900) I am willing to let it go for R335 000 excl on road costs etc.....

Contact: Frans de Lange, 083 460 8536 cell

SOLAR HEATING – DR JOHN LEDGER

We take the sunny South African weather for granted. But a look at the facts below clearly shows us that we're not utilising it nearly as effectively as we'd like to think. Did you know ...

- Africa (95%) southern Africa (59%) and South Africa (21%) receive the highest winter solar energy above 6.5 kilowatt hours per square metre in the world? By comparison, Australia receives 4.5%
- Despite this abundant solar energy South Africa has a dismal record of using solar energy for water heating? Measured by square metres of solar water heaters installed per 1,000 inhabitants, Israel has 608, Greece 299, Austria 220 and South Africa 16.
- A solar water heater with a collector of 2 square metres installed in Johannesburg will harvest at least 2000 kWh of energy every year? The Eskom electricity displaced by the solar water heater would have used 1,080 kg of coal and 2,800 liters of water, while producing 1,956 kg of Carbon Dioxide, 320 kg ash, 17.9 kg Sulphur Dioxide and 8.4 kg Nitrous Oxide every year.
- The City of Johannesburg recently called for tenders for 500 solar water heaters for Cosmo City, the largest ever single solar water heater order in South Africa?
- Several municipalities around South Africa are considering legislation to make solar water heaters compulsory on new buildings?
- You can contact suppliers of solar water heaters by visiting the web site of the Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa (SESSA) at www.sessa.org.za.

MALONGANE HAPPENINGS

Dear Alan, I trust your new year has started off on a good note.

A group of us have just returned from Malongane and what a time was had. Friends got engaged, we watch Comet Mc Naught from the sandpit, spent an entire dive with the Zambezi's at Pinnacles, Oupa cooked us prawns, water temp. was 28 degrees, viz. 20m plus, baby turtles were seen hatching..... I could go on and on and on. Take a look at some pictures at www.landandsea.co.za/mozambique - they speak for themselves. Will let you know when I get the footage of the turtles. Shaun has joined the Malongane team as one of the skippers. Plus Malongane has upgraded all the 4 bed units and they are looking pretty good. **December** - I have 4 tents available in the dive camp from 16 Dec - 2 Jan 2008.

Other news which some of you may be interested in is that Derek has opened up a dive operation called Derek's Pro Dive Centre - Jeff's Palm Resort in Inhambane. I am headed there with a group to check out the place at the beginning of March. So will bring back all the info. If anyone is interested I have 3 campsites available for the **long weekend in April/May** at Jeff's.

Chat soon

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MORE FROM PONTA MALONGANE

Ponta Malongane's team is inviting you to spend this Valentine's Day in our resort. We still have a few loghuts and tents, and plenty of campsites available at the special Valentine's rate. Resorts team will do its best to create a romantic atmosphere during whole time of your stay in our resort.

First of all we plan to have a special Valentine's menu in the restaurant on the 10th and the 14th of February, but the main event will take place on Saturday, the 17th of February, when we are going to organize a special Valentine's meal and live performer singing for you all evening in the restaurant.

Valentines Menu Bevy

Prawn Cocktail, Liver Pate, Glass of sparkling wine or juice

Calamari tubes, stuffed with fish, Prawns, Fish

Fillet steak

Rice, Baked Potato, Veggies of the day

Special 'Valentine' Cheese Cake, Warm Black Cherries in Rum with Ice cream

If you are interested, please prebook the Valentine's dinner with Malonkwazi. The price is R130 per person. Enjoy your holiday / diving experience at Ponta Malongane!

Best regards,

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CRIME UPDATE AGAIN – HEARD OF THE #77?

I never even knew about this #77 feature!

It was the Saturday before New Year's and it was about 1 PM in the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on. Lauren's parents have 4 children (high school and college age) and have always told them never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather wait until they get to a gas station, etc.

So Lauren had actually listened to her parent's advice, and promptly called #77 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there was a police car where she was and there wasn't and he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back-up already on the way.

Ten minutes later 4 cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground the man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes.

I never knew that bit of advice, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going to a "safe" place.

You obviously need to make some signals that you acknowledge them (i.e., put on your hazard lights) or call #77 like Lauren did.

Too bad the cell phone companies don't give you this little bit of wonderful information. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about #77. Send this to every person you care about.

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(Ed. Can somebody substantiate this feature – there are the regular testers out there!)

NEW SURVEY BLOWS MYTH OF 'BAD WOMEN DRIVERS'

January 19, 2007

By Seth Borenstein

Washington - That age-old stereotype about dangerous women drivers has been shattered in a big new traffic analysis in the US: male drivers have a 77 percent higher risk of dying in a car accident than women, based on miles driven. And the author of the research says he takes it to heart when he travels - his wife takes the wheel. "I put a mitt in my mouth and ride shotgun," said David Gerard, a Carnegie Mellon University researcher who co-authored a major new US road risk analysis.

The study holds plenty of surprises.

- The highway death rate is higher for cautious 82-year-old women than for risk-taking 16-year-old boys
- The north-eastern region known as New England is the safest area for drivers - despite all those stories about crazy Boston drivers.
- The safest passenger is a youngster strapped in a car seat and being driven during morning rush hour.

The findings are from Traffic STATS, a detailed and searchable new risk analysis of road fatality statistics by Carnegie Mellon for the American Automobile Association. The analysis calculates that, overall, about one death occurs for every 160-million passenger kilometres travelled and it shows that some long-held assumptions about safety on US highways do not jibe with hard numbers.

It lists the risk of road death by age, gender, type of vehicle, time of day and geographic region. "We are finding surprising comparisons all the time," said study co-author Paul Fischbeck, a professor of social and decision sciences. "What is necessary now is to go through and do that second level of analysis to figure out why some of these things are true."

For example, those dangerous 82-year-old women are 60 percent more likely to die on the road than a 16-year-old boy because they are so frail, said Anne McCartt, a research official at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, who was not part of the study. "It's an issue not of risk-taking behaviour but of fragility," McCartt said. The elderly are more likely to die when they are injured in an accident, she said, an explanation that Gerard and Fischbeck validate. These elderly women have the nation's highest road death risks even when they're not driving - five times higher than the national average.

More risks

Right behind octogenarians in high risk are young male drivers (16-23) with fatality rates four times higher than average. McCartt attributes that to "inexperience and immaturity". As for men being more likely to die than women? McCartt and Fischbeck said men take more risks, speed

more, drink and drive more. "They do stupider things," said Fischbeck, a former military pilot who has twin toddlers and a "totally unsafe" 1974 Volkswagen Thing. – Sapa-AP

RICHTERSVELD TRIP WITH NEWSLETTER READERS?

Vince Aslett of Piet Retief and I, Nic Nel of Linbro Park Sandton, have planned a 4x4 trip to the Richtersveld at end August 2007. We have had fantastic assistance from Piet van Heerde of Virosatours in Springbok in refining our draft itinerary. Aside from your own party costs, there will be a basic cost of R1000 per vehicle to cover overheads, including Piet's fee for accompanying us and guiding us for the 2 days in Richtersveld Park itself. We plan to have a pre tour training trip to the Three Provinces Trail near Volksrust at end March. Party limit is 10 and only 4x4's with low range will be accepted. This is not a vehicle breaker trip but there are places where a trailer may be difficult. Thanks to Malcolm van Collier for his useful inputs. Please email us your interest, number of adults/ children in vehicle and make & model and equipment.

Nic Nel, 4x4 @ nelton.co.za or more details 0846082026 (Nic) 0824653090 (Vince)

See itinerary overleaf.

Day 1: 26th August

Assembly point: Augrabies Falls, National Park. This is off the N14 after Kakamas. Drivers briefing and get to know each other.

Day 2: 27th August 235Km's

Poffadder to refuel and water. Pella: visit old Catholic church and let Sister conduct guided tour through church. (Look out for beggars in Pella, a certain one called Nickers always have a story on collecting for some sports team, do warn the whole convoy about him and you can rather give a generous donation from the whole group to the Sister.) Travel via Charlie's* pass to river and follow track along river and then towards Klein Pella. Pre arrange with Glenda Goosen at Klein Pella for guided tour through date packing store and then visit the date plantations, Biggest date plantation in the Southern hemisphere. Visit degree confluence S29, E19. Overnight camping at Klein Pella. Beautiful campsite with green grass and big trees also a swimming pool.
* Charlie is the son of Peter Weidner whom suffered for most of his life before discovering a very rich silimanite deposit a few kilometres south from Pella.

Day 3: 28th August 190Km's

Travel from Klein Pella along the Namaqua 4x4 route. Go past Witbank and the Grootboom (a large Namaqua wildfig). Visit Ramansdrift before going to Goodhouse*. Visit the graveyard**. Then you will travel through the paprika project, the project were turned into a disaster and big loss of money . You will then cross through underneath the pump station where the fresh water for Steinkopf, Springbok, Buffels river and some of Kleinzee's water comes from. The track then go past some of the date plantations at Henkries, you can replenish your date supplies at the store.and finally get to camp at Kamgab.

*Goodhouse: an English name in this area, it were derived from the nama language that means good pasture.

** The graveyard where Peter Weidner's parents are buried, they chose to be buried the wrong way round,south north, in order to have a view on the river. Oom Carel as my dad used to call him had all sorts of strange ideas. He were to my dad what a Grandfather would be as my dad did not have his own grand parents. Oom Carel used to run the pont over the river. Most of the soldiers there drowned except for one young one, not sure which grave is his, but he said one night around the campfire that all the boers are cowards and if the first shot would be fired they would all run away. The next morning he got on the hill and fired a shot just to be shot to pieces by his fellow boers. Also look out for where the canal used to be as Oom Carel had a land of orange trees that he watered with that.

Day 4: 29th August 85Km's

Drive out of canyon and along indicated route, stop at Halfmens plants* before heading onto N7 towards Vioolsdrift. Refuel at Rooiwal shop. People that need unleaded need to cross the border into Namibia to refuel, most of the time they are lenient to let one go without having to pay the road tax. Camp at Vioolsdrift, Aquacade. (www.aquacade.co.za) a new camp that is situated just east of Fiddlerscreek, they cater more for safari type vehicles. * Pachipodium Namaquanum(S28.90301 E17.91212 - on your right going up the hill Uranoop, easy walk to the lowest plant, legend has it that the nama people were forced out of Namibia and when they stopped to look back they were turned into plants, hence the north facing. Always on the southern slope of a hill, with the head facing north to when bearing leaves expose as much as possible to the sun and in summer when it loses its leaves to expose as little as possible).

Day 5: 30th August 95km's

Do the circular route into the mountains to the viewpoint and back to Vioolsdrift, Aquacade. Quite a strenuous route but the reward at the viewpoint is absolutely worth while. Not recommended for 4x2. Once you have turned away from the river look out for large boulders, black, with petroglyphs on them. Some of them are marked with signs. Some people refer to this circular route as the Geelfontein route and others the "Kristalberg" route. The more adventurous could drive all the way up to the viewpoint while others would prefer to walk up the short hill. If it is a clear day you would be able to see three days ahead and three days behind. The second part of the route takes less time so the way back would be a lot quicker.

Day 6: 31st August

Take the long route via Eksteenfontein, visit Tierhoek and along Holgat river back to tar road that leads to McDougall's bay Caravan Park. Replenish supplies and fuel in Port Nolloth.

Day 7: 1st September

Spend the day along the coast. Visit the museum, long walks along the beach, looking for plants in the dunes, visit archaeological sites in the dunes.

Day 8: 2nd September

Travel to Potjiespram Campsite. Visit Lichen hill, viewpoint, Wondergat and Cornell'skop along the way. Book in at the Main entrance before you will experience the first halfmens plants and the beautiful view of the Orange River.

Day 9: 3rd September

After packing all equipment travel to De Hoop Campsite. To be joined by Piet van Heerde to guide you through this mountain desert for two days.

*See hand of God imprint. Visit Halfmens plants, Hoodia Gordonii, natural quivertree hybrids and much more along Brownspass. Cross over herogap plain and past Rooiberg. Down in the Kookriver canyon and onto De Hoop Campsite for overnight.

Day 10: 4th September

Travel from De Hoop on a circular route. Go past Richtersberg campsite and up the Tatasriver to Rooihoog. All the way around and onto Springbok plain where a lone quivertree awaits. Then we visit the secret valley, Uitsig, Chicken bones, Queen Victoria and the Bulldog before we head back to De Hoop past Maerpoort and down the Kookriver again. A full day with beautiful views and too much to remember, do take enough film or memory storage.

Day 11: 5th September

After pack up we start the way back to Springbok. Travel along routes down Domerog pass and then the long winding route through the van der Ster Mountains. View the Aloe Pearsonii

phenomena before descending down Helskloof. Travel via Lekkersing and Steinkopf back to Springbok. Overnight Springbok Caravanpark.

Day 12: 6th September

Full day with flower routes, will depend on where the best flowers of the moment, will confirm on the day. Various routes (back roads) available. Overnight at Springbok Caravanpark.

Day 13: 7th September

Full day with flower routes, will depend on where the best flowers of the moment, will confirm on the day. Various routes (back roads) available. Overnight at Springbok Caravanpark.
End of tour

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Visit our website at <http://www.navigators4wd.co.za> to view our full Tour Schedule for 2007.

E-mail us at info@navigators4wd.co.za to subscribe to our Newsletter, or to request specific details and pricing on our safaris and expeditions. Alternatively, contact our office on landline number +27 (0) 21 689 1825 or Chris Schlimper on mobile +27 (0) 83 675 3484.

"Kalahari Black-Maned Lions" Wilderness & Wildlife Safari

One of our most popular tours, and an especially unique experience during the summer rainfall months in this arid region, as the ephemeral rivers and pans in the Park are often greener and well populated with wildlife during this time. Highlights include: The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, specifically the Mabuasehube Pans region with its grassland areas and standing water in the normally-dry pan areas; great wildlife viewing; 4x4 Wilderness Trail with fantastic bush camp. "The remote and unspoilt beauty of Mabuasehube is what makes this expedition truly special..."

Note: Due to the demand for places on our February tour which is now fully booked, we have scheduled another tour to this region in March – book early to avoid disappointment.

Dates: Sunday 11 March to Tuesday 20 March 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).

Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 23 February 2007.

Kaokoveld "Desert Elephants & Himba" Expedition

We are launching our programme of tours to this region with an exclusive expedition with Getaway Magazine and four guest vehicles in May – this tour is already fully booked, but we still have places available on our remaining Kaokoveld tours for the year as shown below. This is a 'must-do' adventure for anyone interested in an unrivalled wilderness, cultural and driving experience! Highlights include: Khowarib Schlucht; desert elephants of the Kaokoveld; Epupa Falls; cultural interaction with the Himba people; Van Zyl's Pass; the Marienfluss; Hartmanns Valley; Purros; Warmquelle; Twyfelfontein area; varied and interesting driving challenges; great

photographic opportunities. "Don't miss one of these opportunities to join us on a small-group expedition to one of Africa's most rugged wilderness areas..."

Dates: Monday 28 May to Friday 8 June 2007 (Windhoek to Windhoek).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 16 March 2007.

Dates: Friday 22 June to Tuesday 3 July 2007 (Windhoek to Windhoek).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 30 March 2007.

Dates: Saturday 14 July to Sunday 29 July 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 30 March 2007.

"Central Kalahari & Kgalagadi" Safari

This tour showcases the best of the Kalahari wilderness, combining the remote central areas of Botswana with the Mabuasehube region of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Highlights include: Khama Rhino Sanctuary; the northern areas of CKGR, including Deception Valley; Mabuasehube in KTP; varied wildlife; interesting off-road driving challenges; remote bush camps. "A wonderful tour that combines great wildlife viewing with plenty of time to relax in fantastic wilderness areas. Bring your sense of adventure and be prepared for an experience that delivers many magic moments and highlights..."

Dates: Friday 10 August to Saturday 25 August 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 1 June 2007.

"Khaudum & Liuwa Plain Expedition"

This is your opportunity to secure one of the limited places available on what will be a memorable experience! Highlights include: Khaudum Game Park; Caprivi; Ngonye Falls; Liuwa Plain, the focal point of this expedition, where at this time of the year, Liuwa's larger mammals emerge from the surrounding bush and congregate in large herds on the plain; excellent birding (around 320 species) in Liuwa; Vic Falls; Chobe River; Kubu Island. "This varied and relaxed small-group expedition will appeal to adventurous and self-sufficient travellers who love the excitement and unpredictability of travel in Africa..."

Dates: Saturday 20 October to Tuesday 13 November 2007 (Cape Town to Cape Town).
Closing date for bookings & deposit payment: Friday 29 June 2007.

(March 2006)

Hit the Trail ... / ... continues

FROM CAPE TO CAIRO WITH A DIGITAL MAP

By leon engelbrecht, itweb senior writer [Johannesburg, 17 January 2007]

MapIT MD Ray Wilkinson expects 200 000 navigation devices will be sold in SA this year, up from 90 000 last year – most with digital maps provided by his Pretoria-based company. "The personal navigation market has an estimated worth of R700 million in SA alone," he adds. "Internationally, the navigation market has been broken down into three sections: personal digital assistant, personal navigation devices (PND) and smartphone navigation," Wilkinson says.

"International trends are seeing PND and smartphone navigation take off. With Africa's burgeoning mobile industry, we expect SA to follow suit." The first smartphones with built-in GPS will hit the market this year and Wilkinson expects such devices, loaded with appropriate mapping

software, will be widely used by visitors during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. "The key is to give visitors the ability to plan [their movements] ahead of time," he says.

MapIT is a joint venture between Map Studio (51%) and global geospatial solutions company Georigin (49%), which has internationally-focused engineering, programming and geographic information systems skills. MapIT has exclusive electronic rights to the MapStudio map database compiled over the last 50 years.

Mapping Africa

MapIT is developing digital maps of SA's rural areas, using satellite and aerial photography as the basis. Wilkinson says the company's focus is now to complete the building of a seamless map database for Africa. GSM providers across the continent already rely on MapIT products for network planning. In late 2006, MapIT had a field team in Nouakchott, Mauritania, to confirm mapping data derived from aerial photography and to add points of interest. The company was also translating and updating Russian-language maps of neighbouring Niger.

A national road atlas has been published for Nigeria and a detailed street map of Lagos compiled. Detailed street maps for southern and east Africa are already available and are being used by Garmin and TeleAtlas. In mapping Africa, MapIT is receiving "a lot of support from international organisations", Wilkinson says, although he believes the task will be never-ending.

However, by year-end he expects enough data will be available for a PND user to safely navigate from Cape to Cairo.

AMAZING NAMIBIAN SAND DUNE TOUR OFFER

Cederberg 4x4, Nissan SA and Wegbreek Magazine made special arrangements with the Namibian Concession Holders and secured 12 tours through the Namib-desert from Luderitz to Walvisbay.

Contact us for the detailed itinerary, General Information and Essential Checklist for the Luderitz to Walvisbay tours for 2007, an unforgettable experience.

The cost includes:

- Cederberg 4x4 guide
- Local guides
- Mobile toilet
- Shower tent and equipment
- 3 meals per day
- Two way radio

Continue reading!

WIN, WIN, WIN!

A lucky draw will take place on each one of the 12 tours, where Coenie of Cederberg 4x4 will hand over an envelope containing R6000-00 in cash, refunding the prizewinner the total cost of his tour.

On the final Luderitz to Walvisbay tour through the desert from 16-21 December 2007, a lucky draw will take place where the ultimate prize winner of the 12 monthly winners will be announced and who will walk away with the JACKPOT prize to the value of R30000-00. This prize consists of a 5-day Getaway to Saddle Hill for 4 people, 29 December 2007 - 2 January 2008, the use of a Nissan 4x4 vehicle supplied by Nissan SA including fuel, accommodation and meals.

This getaway in December will take place under the auspices of Cederberg 4x4 as per our normal standards.and more prizes!!

The available dates for 2007 are:

11 – 16 March
8 – 13 April
6 – 11 May
10 – 15 June
22 – 27 July
19 – 24 August
2 – 7 September
4 – 9 October
14 – 19 October
4 – 9 November
18 – 24 November
16 – 21 December

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DOUBLE WIN FOR LAND ROVER AT THE 2007 WHAT CAR? CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Gaydon, Warwickshire, 19 January 2007 - Land Rover was awarded two prestigious accolades at the What Car? Car of the Year Awards ceremony in London last night, beating tough competition to win Best Compact 4x4 and Best Large 4x4.

The all-new Land Rover Freelander 2 2.2 TD4 GS fought off opposition from the new Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Nissan X-Trail in what is one of the most hotly contested sectors to win Best Compact 4x4, while the Discovery 3 TDV6 SE auto beat its rivals again to be named Best Large 4x4 for an impressive third year running.

What Car? group editor, Steve Fowler, said: "Land Rover really has got the 4x4 market sewn up. The new Freelander brings new levels of ability, comfort, refinement and cool to the compact 4x4 segment, just as the Discovery has done in the large 4x4 market. Both are worthy What Car? Award winners."

Land Rover's managing director, Phil Popham, said: "We are absolutely delighted to win these prestigious awards from What Car? for both the Freelander 2 and the Discovery 3, off the back of our second successive record sales year."

Popham continued: "The Freelander 2 is our most fuel-efficient model to date and has been launched to widespread acclaim from both the media and customers - who now offset the carbon

dioxide for the first 45,000 miles' use through our industry leading programme with Climate Care. This award is recognition of Freelander 2's outstanding breadth of capability and gives us a good start as we look forward to the year ahead.

"Achieving the Best Large 4x4 award for three consecutive years for the Discovery 3 TDV6 is a testament to its class-leading diesel engine, its versatility and its all-round package."

The Freelander 2 is on-sale now at Land Rover dealerships throughout the UK, priced from £20,935 to £33,990, including the contribution to offset carbon dioxide emissions. It has already sold nearly 1,500 units in the UK, since going on sale in December.

The biggest selling model in the UK and in Europe is expected to be the TD4 manual with a combined fuel economy figure of 37.7mpg and CO2 emissions of 194g/km.

The Discovery 3 has sold nearly 30,000 units in the UK and 115,000 units globally since launch in 2004, and continues to collect critical accolades the world over with 94 international awards to date.

Submitted by Land Rover Centurion

TOURISM NEWS FROM MOZAMBIQUE

Polana

Wireless internet facilities are now available throughout the Polana Hotel - from the main building to the Conference Centre, the pool area as well as the Polana Mar. The network is accessed automatically and complimentary to guests

Good to Know things about Mozambique

More and more tourists each year decide to go on a vacation in Mozambique . As first-time visitors, there are numerous questions they have to get answers to, before actually leave home for Mozambique . At the top of their questions' list is the one referring to which of the eight different island destinations in Mozambique to choose as their destination.

Another thing they must definitely know before heading off is which one is the best, how to get there and how much it costs? Should you want to visit each one of them, MAS have the most affordable package for 2007! Email mozaccm@netactive.co.za

TSHIVINGWI OFFERS.....

We will no longer be running "Game Ranger" career training programmes but will be concentrating our efforts on www.africanbreeze.co.za and on our Lodge Staff Placements/Recruitments www.tshivingwi.co.za

We have decided to use our past experience and contacts to promote and refer enquiries for the career programmes and training of "Nature Guides" to, what we believe are, the best "Accredited Training Providers" in Southern Africa. These courses are endorsed by FGASA, (The Field Guides Association Of Southern Africa), and have been selected by us because of their accreditation, consistent high standards, course content and presentation, etc.

Most of the courses, if booked through us, will entitle applicants to a discounted rate.

The courses from which applicants may wish to choose include:

- Correspondence Courses for Game Rangers

- 3 week, (Full time), FGASA Level 1 Training & Accreditation Programmes - Waterberg
- 28 day, (Full time), FGASA Level 1 Training Programmes - Limpopo Lowveld, (Selati Game Reserve or Karongwe Game Reserve)
- 6 week, (Full time), Game Ranger Training Course - Limpopo Lowveld
- 3 month, (Full time) Game Ranger Training & Accreditation - Eastern Cape, (Amakhala Game Reserve)
- 6 Month, (Full time), Game Ranger Training & Accreditation - Waterberg & Eastern Cape
- 1 year, (Full time), Career Game Ranger Training & Accreditation - Waterberg
- 1 year, (Part time "nights" and week ends), Nature Guide Course - Johannesburg based
- 1 year, (Part time "days" and week ends), Nature Guide Course - Johannesburg based
- Accredited First Aid Courses
- Trails Guide Experiences & Courses - Timbavati & Karongwe Game Reserves
- Small Group Bush Experiences & Learning Programmes - Karongwe Game Reserve
- Accredited Game Ranger Training - Western Cape
- Advanced Rifle Handling - FGASA endorsed
- Tracking Courses & assessments - Cyber Tracker/FGASA
- Snake Handling & Snake Bite Courses
- Specialist courses to include, astronomy, bird or wild flowers
- Or call us to tailor a bush or learning experience to suite you?
- Practical Assessments for all FGASA and THETA Nature Unit Standards & Certification

If anyone is interested in a course or how to become an accredited nature guide in South Africa they can call me on the numbers listed hereunder. I will then recommend the best courses and trainers to meet the applicants needs and budget.

Yours truly
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WATCH OUT FOR THE SUN!!!!

Sun Smart CANSA awareness is all about you and sun safety. For South Africans, who are exposed to the harsh African sun, exposure and protecting oneself from skin cancer should be a major concern.

Your skin and the Sun

According to the World Health Organisation, skin cancer kills over 60 000 people a year. Of the 60 000 deaths, 48 000 are caused by malignant melanomas and 12,000 by other skin cancers. Skin cancer is caused by sun exposure in more than 90 per cent of cases.

Sun rays contain harmful ultraviolet light (UV rays). There are three types of UV rays. UVA is the long-wave component. These rays penetrate deep into the skin, causing long-term damage. UVA is also thought to be linked to malignant melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer. UVA rays can penetrate water, glass and even clothing.

UVB is the short wave component of ultraviolet light. These rays cause the dryness and reddening of the skin associated with sunburn. UVC are potentially the most harmful rays, but the atmosphere absorbs most of this radiation, so it is prevented from reaching sea level.

UV rays, particularly UVA rays penetrate the skin and cause changes to the underlying cellular structure. To a limited extent the body's protection mechanism, a skin pigment known as "melanin" will help repair damage caused by UV rays. Over time the damage to cellular structures can lead to skin cancer.

Who is at risk of skin cancer?

While those with fairer skin (and less melanin pigment to protect them) are at higher risk of skin cancer, people of every skin type do develop skin cancer.

Many people think that because they don't burn during sun exposure they are not at risk of skin cancer. This is entirely untrue. While UVB rays cause "sun burn", it is the more harmful UVA rays that won't burn you that will cause skin cancer.

Protect Yourself

Sun Block: Even if you don't burn, aim for the highest possible UV protection. It is the UVA rays (that don't cause burning) that you are trying to block out. Ideally you should aim for an SPF of 30 or more to offer protection.

- * Apply sun block to all areas, even those covered in loose clothing. UVA rays can penetrate water, clothing and glass to affect the skin.
- * Towel drying, sweating and swimming all reduce effectiveness of sun block.
- * Use sun block as part of your daily skin care regimen. Choose a face cream that includes a high SPF to protect your skin all year around.

Sun exposure: While sun block may protect you to some degree from UVA and UVB rays, it will not entirely protect you from skin cancer.

Skin cancer is not only associated with the time spent in the sun, but also with the intensity of the UV rays at the time of exposure.

- Avoid the sun during the peak hours of exposure from 11am to 3pm.
- Wear thick cotton clothing to block out UVA rays.
- Wear a wide-brim hat or stay in the shade of an umbrella when in the sun.

If you do have risk factors for skin cancer (like fair skin or a family history of skin cancer), then consider going for a yearly check-up with a dermatologist. They will note the size, shape and distribution of any skin markings and follow their progress.

Living in South Africa

South Africans need to be particularly aware of sun exposure. Pollution and ozone layer damage has led to extremely high UVA and UVB penetration over South Africa and Australia.

Remember that ICAS is available to you 24 hours, 365 days a year and our qualified personnel are on hand to offer confidential counselling and emotional support as well as legal and financial information to you and your dependants. 0800 611 165 www.icas.co.za

COME TO / KOM KUIER BY - THANGAMI SAFARI SPAR

Agtergrond

Thangami Safari Spa , vorm deel van die groter Thaka Zulu Wild Reserwaat. ñ Privaat Natuur en Wild Reserwaat, (Lisensie nr 4208) van 12,500ha ongerepte Natalse Bosveld.

Geskiedenis

Die Zulu voorsate vestig hulle in die laat 1700 in Zululand en bring beroemde konings en soldate na vore oa. Shaka, Dingaen, MPanda en Dinizulu. Volgens oorlewing het Koning Shaka gedurende sy jagtogte in die 'Oog' gebad. Die watergat in die Jacuzzi area vorm deel van die oorspronklike 'Shakas Bad'. Met Thangami Safari Spa se natuurlike warm waterbronne, unieke modderfonteine, met medisinale en kosmetiese waarde en die groot verskeidenheid wild en voël lewe, is dit geen wonder dat die area deel gevorm het van die privaat jag velde van die Zulu monargie.

Ook is MPanda deur Kommandant Andries Pretorius, op 14 Februarie 1884 gekroon as Koning van die Zulus, te Mpanda's klip net onderkant Thangami in die vallei. Op 5 Augustus 1884 word die groter deel van Thaka Zulu ingelyf as deel van die Nieuwe Republiek met Vryheid as hoofstad.

Tereg kan ons sê, welkom in die **"Valley of the Kings"**

Met ryke geskiedenis en vele Zulu, Brit en Boer slagvelde lê **Thangami Safari Spa** binne bereikbare dagtoere na die mees geskiedkundige slagvelde in Suid Afrika oa. Bloedrivier, Dingaenstad, Rock's drift, Hlobane, Kambula, Lancaster Hill en nog vele meer. Thangami Safari Spa is op die Natalse slagveld roete en elke dorp op die roete het sy eie geskiedenis, fort of museum om te bewonder.

Ander Wild Reserwate

Ons is ook omring met van die grootste en mooiste provinsiale parke in Suid-Afrika. Binne n radius van minder as 90km is Hluhluwe Umfolozi Park en Ithala Wild Reserwaat, alby deel van die Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Parke.

lets oor ons water

Al die water in ons baddens is natuurlike warm minerale water van sewe fonteine in die area. Dit bevat 37 minerale, onder andere swael. Die hoë swael inhoud is duidelik sigbaar in die wit vlokkies wat in die water dryf. Om ons water so natuurlik as moontlik te hou, filtreer ons nie die water nie en geen chloor of suur word bygevoeg nie, Al die swembaddens word twee keer 'n week leeg getap en gewas. Die swembad, naaste aan die kroeg area, word elke Maandag en Donderdag gewas, al die ander swembaddens word elke Dinsdag en Vrydag gewas. Die water temperatuur is 41°C en bly konstant weens 'n permanente en konstante in- en uitvloeï van die water. Die water van die uitloop word na die krokodildam gevoer wat beteken dat die water temperatuur warmer is as normal, dit stimuleer die metabolisme van die reptiele en veroorsaak vinniger groei. Probeer asseblief die water so skoon en natuurlik as moontlik te hou – vir jou eie gerief, sowel as die van die krokodille. Moet asseblief nie die uitloop blokeer nie.

Activities

GAME DRIVE -Ride on the **"BUFFEL"** along the banks of the Black Umfolozi River. View the game and bird life and enjoy the game drive. Also NIGHT DRIVE. **MUD POOL DRIVES: The "BUFFEL" departs from the resort at set times, available at the office.**

OBSTACLE COURSE AND CLIMBING WALL, JACUZZI for 1-10 persons. All baths are filled with natural warm water (37 mineral @ 41°C) and refilled with clean mineral water before every booking – No water will be re-used or circulated.

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WATCH THE SKY – 3 MARCH 2007

Dear all.....

On the evening of the 3 March 2007, there is going to be a total Lunar Eclipse. This is an Umbra eclipse, in other words, the moon goes into the deep shadow of the earth. This is a good evening for anyone who wants to try and photograph a lunar eclipse.

I will, if there is enough response, hold an all night vigil to assist people to take a series of images for themselves. Earlier in the evening, I will hold a short course on Astro-photography, for anyone interested.

This will be an all night thing, and I need to know who will be attending as special arrangement will need to be made. The entrance, course and personal attendance throughout the night, will total R150.00 per person.

Booking will be essential and a 50% deposit will need to be made.

Arrangements with the Wonder Cave, at 011 957 0106/ 0109 regarding deposits and payment, is to be made.

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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...

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UNFORTUNATELY NO CHILDREN UNDER 15 WILL BE ALLOWED ON THIS EXPEDITION

!!! DEADLINE IS 15 NOVEMBER 2006 !!!

The Cape to London Expedition officially starts at Cape Agulhas (RSA) - the southernmost point of Africa. The expedition will be divided into two legs – firstly Cape to Cairo and then secondly Cairo to London – so that you can choose whether you want to go as far as London... The general route is as follows: RSA, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain and London. Enjoy the thrill of experiencing Africa in your own vehicle!! Watch thousands of flamingos; seek out the only true wolf on the African Continent – the Simien Wolf; the historical Lalibela rock churches; experience the harshness of the Sahara Desert and still live to tell the tale; experience the history buzz of Egypt and Tunisia; experience the warm colours of Morocco; and much, much more... Complete self-sufficiency is the rule for this entire expedition due to the lack of ablution facilities, water and fuel. **Please note that this expedition will be an expedition where participation in duties (e.g. cooking) will be required!!!**

MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS PREFERS FAMILY ORIENTATED EXPEDITIONS. HOWEVER VERY “ROUGH” CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS MAKES SOME OF THE EXPEDITIONS DIFFICULT EVEN FOR ADULTS AND WE THEREFORE ARE FORCED TO EXCLUDE CHILDREN UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE.

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

Dave (GP 0838) and Jacqui (GP 0773) van Graan

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April 2006

From the Tracks – Reader Feedback

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Hi, Alan

Thank you for the copy of the e-Zine - as always, very informative, and the 'new format' looks great! I would again like to advertise in your publication this year!

Kind regards,

Chris Schlimper

Navigators Four-Wheel-Drive Adventures

Alan

CONGRATULATIONS!! On an amazing new-look newsletter...

4x4 Africa Greetings

Dave (GP 0838) and Jacqui (GP 0773) van Graan

MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS

Dear Alan

Thank you once again for a great news letter and hope you enjoyed well deserved Christmas and New Year?

James Hatfield www.tshivingwi.co.za

Hey Alan,

Thanks for an AWESOME newsletter yet again! ...I always look fwd to it.

Cheers for now

Trevor Mathews

Hi Alan,

I have been receiving your newsletters for about 3 years now, I have always found them to be informative, and used them for reference purposes from time to time. WELL DONE

Regards

Steve - Sani Pass Tours

Underberg

Siesa! Jy raak nou fancy met jou newsletters!

Baie, baie nice.

MvdW

AFRICA BUSHCRAFT AND SURVIVAL ADVENTURES

ALL ITINERARIES, TOUR INFO, PHOTOS, COSTS CAN BE VIEWED ON www.africa-bushcraft.co.za

LOCAL TOURS:

LAND OF THE LEGENDS (SOUTPANSBERG)

DURATION—2½ DAYS (WEEKEND)

SELF DRIVE—4 X 4

CAMPING OR FORESTRY HUTS

DATE: 30TH MARCH-1ST APRIL 2007

COST: R850.00 PER PERSON

ROOF OF AFRICA (LESOTHO)

DURATION—3½ DAYS
SELF DRIVE—4 X 4
ACCOMMODATION—LODGES
DATE: 26TH APRIL-29TH APRIL 2007 & 3-6 MAY 2007
COST: R2,500.00 PER PERSON

CROSS BORDER TOURS:

**ANGOLA—CUNENE TO CONGO RIVER—ADVENTURE —JOINT VENTURE WITH
GETAWAY MAGAZINE**

DURATION—22 DAYS IN ANGOLA
SELF DRIVE—4 X 4
CAMPING AND LODGES
DATES:
10TH JULY-31ST JULY 2007
25TH AUGUST-13TH SEPTEMBER 2007
INTRODUCTION IN JANUARY 2007 ISSUE OF GETAWAY
TOUR ITINERARY IN MARCH 2007 ISSUE
COST: R8,500.00 PER VEHICLE

BOTSWANA GOLD/VICTORIA FALLS

DURATION—10 DAYS
SELF DRIVE
CAMPING
DATE: 26TH MAY-4TH JUNE 2007
COST: R3,900.00 PER PERSON

BUSHCRAFT TRAINING:

4 X 4 SURVIVAL COURSE FOR FAMILY—GAME FARM MAGALIESBURG

DATE: 3RD – 4TH MARCH 2007
CAMPING AND SELF CATERING
COSTING AND DETAILS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: www.africa-bushcraft.co.za
BUSHCRAFT TEAMBUILD—4 X 4 ADVENTURE

SURVIVAL TRAINING—PRACTICAL SURVIVAL ADVENTURE

CROSS BORDER IN BIG 5 TERRITORY—100,000 HECTARE—BOTSWANA
DURATION—10 DAYS
MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: www.africa-bushcraft.co.za

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KOOS MOORCROFT

DEAT REGISTRATION NO: GP2424

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January 2007

Fresh from the Bush – New Products

LED CAP LIGHT

We at Bodyline Promotions would like to introduce you to the new LED Cap Light that has just arrived in stock. This Cap Light attaches to the peak of your cap that you are wearing.

- 5 ULTRA BRIGHT WHITE LED BULBS, 48 HOURS HIGH INTENSITY BURN TIME.
- 100.000 HOURS OF LIGHT
- (2) 2032 LITHIUM COIN CELL BATTERIES

What is better than to have your hand free while working on your car or having any other emergency at night, or while having a good old South African braai or going night fishing?

PRICE @ R60.00 each (including VAT) excluding Print if needed.

If you have any more questions about this LED Cap Light, please feel free to contact me

Neil Smith

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NEW MOSQUITO PROTECTION

I have taken the liberty to introduce our latest addition to the Mouldmed range of products, **GoMOSQ**. **GoMOSQ** is a mosquito repellent, available in a wide range of fashionable stickers, bands and bracelets. **GoMOSQ** provides protection against mosquito bites which causes malaria and other diseases. The range of **GoMOSQ** products are infused with safe and effective Citronella oil giving protection which vary from 3 days to 2 weeks.

We now offer you this range of mosquito repellent products at an affordable and competitive market price. The following range of GoMosq is available to serious distributors/ agents/ buyers:

- AM002 - Smile Stickers
- AM004 - Koala Stickers
- AM005 - Silicone Band
- AM006 - Night Glo Silicone Band
- AM007 - Wristlet with Beads
- AM008 - Wristlet with Night Glo Beads
- AM009 - Belt
- AM011 - Butterfly Sticker
- AM012 - Sunflower Sticker
- AM013 - Star Sticker
- AM014 - Heart Sticker
- AM017 - Fish Sticker
- AM019 - Bracelet with button

I shall greatly appreciate it if you could distribute the above information to your club members.

Thank you and best regards.

Kobus van Zyl

Chief Operating Sales Officer

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EXPLORE AFRICA ADVENTURES

Come and explore BOTSWANA with us in the comfort of your own 4X4 vehicle. We are Botswana specialists and probably one of the very few South African bases Safari Operators in possession of a Botswana Tour Enterprise License. (since 1997)

The itinerary will take you to:

- Moremi Game Reserve – *The Jewel of Africa* - in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Moremi is a prime wildlife area where elephant, hippo, lion, buffalo, giraffe and most other game can be seen in abundance.
- The Savuti area is one of the most photographed areas in the whole of Africa and most of the Africa Wildlife Videos (Derek and Beverly Joubert's "Eternal Enemies" and others where filmed here.
- The Chobe is proud and very famous for it's abundance of elephants – the highest concentration to be found anywhere in Africa. Chobe is also famous for it's rich bird life and, not least for it's boat cruises and exquisite sunsets – an Africa experience not to be missed.
- The Victoria Falls - approximately 1690m wide and very in height from 62m (Devil's Cataract) to 109m (Eastern Cataract). In comparison the Niagra Falls are 968m wide and 54m high. Various activities e.g. Bungi jumping, White River Rafting, Jet boating, Flight of the Angels etc. are available at the Falls.

DATES 14-25 March 2007

01-12 April 2007

For more information visit our award-winning website: www.explore-africa.co.za

SAFARI PROGRAM FOR 2007

Chobe, Vic Falls and Tiger Fishing at Kabula Tiger Lodge (Zambezi).

22-30 September 2007.

Liuwa Plains Wildebeest Migration-Western Zambia.

4-17 November 2007.

Liuwa Plains, Kafue National Park and Victoria Falls (Zambia).

21 October 2007-4 November 2007.

Luanga Valley (Zambia), Malawi and Mozambique.

29 September 2007-14 October 2007.

Central Kalahari Safari.

2 -10 June 2007.

Okavango Delta, Moremi, Chobe and Vic Falls.

14-25 March 2007.

1-12 April 2007.

Tanzania: Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Zanzibar Island.

18 August 2007- 20 September 2007.

Gorillas in Uganda

Dates on request.

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Cell: 082 805 6765 (Office)
(January 2007)

Feedback from Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs

Dear Member Clubs

Notice is hereby given of the Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs of Southern Africa's annual general meeting to be held on 20 February 2007, at 19:00, at the offices of Toyota South Africa –

Wesco Park
Old Pretoria Main Road
Sandton

Please find attached the following documentation –

- Agenda
- Financial Statements for 2006
- Nomination Form for AAWDC 2007 Committee

We really need your support and would appreciate the clubs to make an effort to attend the AGM. Please confirm your attendance to Leon Zaayman by email to leonz@plasser.co.za or 082-570-0718.

Please also take note of all the available portfolios. The AAWDC experienced great difficulties during 2006 due its inability to fill vacant portfolios. Please contact your members and request their support for the AAWDC. We are playing a crucial role in the off-road fraternity at the moment due to our prominent role in the NOW and its negotiations with the government. Without the important portfolios filled, we will struggle to do justice to you our members. Of special mention is the vacant portfolios of Secretary and PRO.

It is also with great sadness that we have to announce that our paid administrator, Leanora Luppnow, has resigned due to sudden illness. She has started with so much enthusiasm and has already made her mark. It is a great loss to the AAWDC. We wish Leanora a complete recovery so that she might carry on with what she started if the opportunity arises. Leanora, we wish you and your family the best of luck from all of us.

Best regards

Leon Zaayman
Chairman

Training Courses for 2007

Please email a BLANK email with the course title in the subject line, to be notified of industry leading courses to be presented in the Centurion Area this year, at competitive pricing. The club is running these as a service to this newsletter reader. EVERYONE WELCOME.

2007 COURSES - EXCITING NEWS!!!!

4x4 Offroad Adventure Club, the leader in value added training for the outdoor industry in Gauteng since 2003, has joined forces with Echo 4x4, a leading 4x4 trailer manufacturer, fitment centre and retail outlet in 2007, to present a range of value add courses for their members, outdoor enthusiasts and the industry at large. At the modern venue at the Echo 4x4 Centre in Centurion, enthusiasts will be able to participate in the following courses (potential) this year:

GPS Training
GPS Software Training
Outdoor Photography
Bush Medicine
Bush Mechanics
Fire Fighting for the outdoor enthusiast
Tyre Repairs
Video Camera usage, tips & traps
Offroad Trailer / Caravan Towing Fundamentals
Snake Course
...and potentially much more....

These courses will be repeated at least twice in the year, across two 6 month cycles, but there are 4 definite GPS courses. Subject matter experts will present the training. Watch the newsletter and direct mail shots for further details and the program once it has been released. However, here is the first one!!!! Tell your friends.

River Hill Lodge – Komatipoort

We are situated 500m off the N4 Toll Road on the Komati River just 2.5kms from the Lebombo order Post with Mozambique and ideally placed for overnight accommodation on your way to or from Mozambique.

Accommodation consists of:
5 private air-conditioned chalets.
2 three bedroom air-conditioned self-catering chalets

Breakfast and dinner are offered in the open dining room or Lapa. Swimming pool and Bar overlook Komati River, Kambaku Golf Course and Kruger Park

Other offerings in the immediate area are: Crocodile Bridge Gate to the Kruger Park (12kms), Golf (2 minutes), Tiger fishing, bird-watching horse riding, Swaziland 65kms and Maputo 100kms.

For more detail please visit our web site on www.wheretostay.co.za/riverhilllodge or contact Michele or Richard at the Lodge directly on telephone no.: (013) 793-7855 or Cell: 083-272-2224. Email: riverhill.lodge@worldonline.co.za

April 2006

The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports & Feedbacks

KICK OFF MEETING AT GROENKLOOF NATURE RESERVE & 4x4 TRAIL

The club is open....

With fine weather, a great venue and plenty of good friends, the club invaded the Groenkloof Nature Reserve for its opening event on Sunday 21 January. The morning crowd grew to 16 families, who departed in 2 convoys, well apart from one another time and distance wise, and wound their way through the reserve. The reserve is extremely popular with mountain bikers so care and caution had to be extra special out there.

The groups all had a chance to stop at lookout points, water obstacles, mud holes, pole crossings and the 2-3 rock obstacles, requiring diff-lock. The 2 vehicles with no diff lock and the SUV took alternative routes when required, but everybody had a good time on the short, but enjoyable trail.

Along the route we were lucky to spot giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, impala, kudu and hartebeest. Finally, the groups returned at their own time to the braai areas under the pine trees. Here they were steadily joined by the social only crowd for the day. Soon the turnout swelled to 27 families.

Before everyone braaied, Alan welcomed everyone and handed out the year program. This was briefly discussed, where after Alan then introduced the new club clothing range which can be ordered. Then it was over to socializing. And socializing we did. From 8am till 4pm. What a great day.

The club is now open and going, the program announced and many exciting things still to come for the year. Watch this web site!

*Good evening Alan,
What a great day, thank you for your hospitality! I would like to book for the Kruger as discussed today. Look forward in hearing from you soon!
Kind Regards,
Jeanne van Jaarsveld*

The Trading Post – Swop, Sell or Buy

1997 TOYOTA HILUX 2.8D 4x4 D/C

This vehicle is in an immaculate condition and has only 176000km on the clock. The colour is white.

Extra's
Long range tank
ARB bull bar
Roll bar
Tow bar
Rear diff-lock
Loadbin rubberised
Canopy

Price R110,000 o.n.o

Contact Piet on cell 073 224 4170 or Natasjha 083 287 1017

2001 Toyota Hilux Raider 4x4 3.0 KZ-TE D/C

Vehicle in a very sound condition and has only 157000km on the clock.

Extra's
Roll bar
Tow-bar
Tornique cover
Garmin GPS
Nokia 8310 carkit plus cell phone
JVC 6CD-shuttle
55 ltr watertank
Dual battery system
29 MHz 2-way radio
Netstar installed

Price R160,000 o.n.o
Contact Wynand Cell 083 387 3332

1999 ECHO II Off Road TRAILER

Full roof top tent forming a room at the bottom plus detachable awnings.
60ltr. Water tank
Spare wheel
2 Jerry cans
Queen size mattress
Fitted with drawer and racks

Price R40,000 o.n.o
Contact Wynand Cell 083 387 3332

B'rakhah trailer 1997

White
Cybercon rooftop tent that drops down to the side for full ground tent as well.
2 x 60l water tanks, 2 x gasbottle holders
Slide in table, Built-in alluminium kitchen unit with drawers
Lockable sparewheel
Inside carpeted with tie-down rails
Provision for power pack
Very good condition.
R32.500,00 ONCO

083 227 8411 / 012 644 5715 (Centurion)
Louw Engelbrecht

29MHz 2-way radio. Navstar 220.

In original packaging with all brackets including magnet mounted whip aerial. Used for one trip only. R1200.00 onco (No jokers please)

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LOUW ENGELBRECHT

'2000 olive green Offroad trailer - Wotta Wagon;

roadworthy, licensed,
2 x jerry cans, rooftop tent sleep 2-3,
+-20m2 complete canvas tent - covers the whole trailer,
1x11kg + 1x 10.8 gas bottles,
gas stove, sparewheel
4 x drawers - packing space on inside of trailer,
3 x packing compartments on outside (2 x side & 1 x front) of trailer,
Lots of packing space inside trailer,
4 x jerry can holders on side of trailer,

Reasonable condition
Asking R30,500.00 neg
Pieter de Jager
083 2000 381

Hilux 1999 DC SRX 2.70i petrol.

My Hilux has been accessorised and kitted out with the objective of preparing it for an overland trip to London in May this year. Unfortunately, I am also busy with a R30m property development and I would be unwise to be absent for 4/5 months at this stage of things, so have put this trip on hold. In the meanwhile, I have also been able to acquire a Landcruiser ZX that I will have time to prepare for London, hopefully, next year. My Hilux is about as well prepared as a vehicle can be and I can move some of my kit across to the ZX. However, the following is some of the kit I will sell with the Hilux:

- * IEF Engineering back bumper with tow hitch, good recovery points and 2 wheel carriers. With the spare under the rear extra fuel tank – 3 spare wheels;
- * Bull bar with winch mounting and wiring. I am moving my winch to the ZF;
- * Double batteries with National Luna Management system. The second battery is let into the base of the load bay so is out of the way. 1 battery is high output and other is deep cycle, both being large (105 ah) Delco Remy no-maintenance types and in very good condition;
- * Floor safe, also mounted into the base of the load bay;
- * Engine has been opened to check on everything – bearings, cam chain guides, clutch, oil pump, water pump. I wanted it completely “new” for my trip and spared no cost. The spares alone were about R17k and I had my own mechanic work on it under my personal and very strict supervision. The engine and drive train is like new, including recent prop-shaft balancing, new universals and CV’s. The 2nd hand spares are in a good enough condition to fit back, if I were not that perfectionist.
- * All wheel bearings have been replaced to be sure of no problem and I have just fitted an ARB front locker to complement my Gearmax rear diff lock;
- * I have an ARB roof centre console for better interior lights and map packing space and 29mhz radio. The Dragon radio may as well go with the vehicle. I have removed my VHF radio;
- * I have the Dastek Unichip on the engine with a banana branch exhaust. This is equivalent to the Steves Autoclinic stage 2 conversion. The exhaust was done in stainless steel in December by TNT. It passes above the propshaft so is no longer prone to snagging and comes out on left to leave room for a third fuel tank of 80 litres in crack resistant type stainless steel 1.6mm gauge as against normal only 1.2mm gauge. Total fuel capacity under the chassis is 225 litres with a further 80 litres Jerry can holders on roof. The tanks each have their own submersible pump and fuel gauge with a single cross-over switch so that one always has a back-up fuel pump and completely separate fuel tanks;
- * Roof rack on the cab and Roof Top Tent mountings on the steel canopy. I am keeping my Howling Moon for the ZX;
- * Car computer table with 400 watt modified sine wave inverter and 220 volt multiplugs front and rear;

- * Caravan plug so one can just plug in the vehicle if 220 volt is available. I am keeping my Hawkins charger as well as my electric fence energiser;
 - * I still have the rear bench seat but also have a loading platform for Woolf boxes and fridge that bolts in place of the rear seat.
 - * The canopy has a fitted 2 burner gas stove on a food prep shelf that opens on the left under the awning. I want to keep my new side awning with front and side panels (makes a tent attached to the vehicle) for the ZX but will throw in my old awing that is still in good condition;
 - * I have fitted a Bosch 120 amp alternator to cope with the aircraft 300 watt landing-light spots, 100/55 watt headlights; 100 watt kudu roof spots, air-conditioner, fridge and other accessories.
 - * Outback drawer fitted in load bay with fluorescent interior lights as well as lights to rear and side of the vehicle;
 - * Oil pressure, oil temperature and voltmeter gauges fitted;
 - * Mounting carrier points for a High Lift jack, and jack points front and rear;
 - * 65 litre stainless steel water tank with tap at rear;
 - * Converted to 16" split rim Landcruiser wheels and General SAG tube radial tyres 7.50-16, the toughest tyre available for off-roading. To compensate the final drive ratios, I have changed the diff ratio from 4.5:1 to 4.875: 1. Speedometer is therefore still reasonably accurate and optimal gear ratios maintained. This is, alone, a conversion costing on R20k.
 - * Rear leaf springs have greaseable shackles, new Old Man Emu shocks and new Ride Rite Firestone airbag suspension. The ride is very comfortable but the vehicle now has the capacity to carry over a ton in touring load, and a long wheel travel that is a pleasure;
 - * In front I have the Camil suspension conversion;
 - * I have extra power take-off points, both Hella and cigarette lighter as well as heavy duty points for either jump starting or plug into the battery charger.
- I will throw in a full range of extra spares – engine, CV shafts & joints, universal joints, alternator, front and rear shocks, bearings, gasket sets, etc., etc., including comprehensive workshop manual.
- Genuine 155,000 kilometres. Book for the Hilux is R95k, I know, but accessories and quality modifications for off-road reliability, comfort and utility must be near a further R100k. So, at my asking of R110,000.00 minimum, the buyer will have a really serious and reliable off-road mean machine at a real bargain. Financial assistance can be given to an approved buyer.
- Nic Nel 084-608-2026 or 4x4@nelton.co.za

Flat Wheel – Light Relief

THIS WAS NOT A VERY FUNNY MONTH – TOO LONG & TOO BROKE!

MOZHELP – A MUST HAVE EMERGENCY NUMBER

We would just like to introduce ourselves. We are MOZHELP. We specialise in providing Emergency Assistance Service to travelers to Mozambique. So, if you are planning a trip or know someone that is going to Mozambique, please read on or feel free to forward this detail to others.

MOZHELP consists of a number of professional service providers who provide emergency medical services, lawyers, doctors, roadside and security assistance services in Mozambique.

For more details about MOZHELP emergency services in Mozambique please visit our

website at www.mozhelp.co.za We have an extensive network of service providers in Mozambique that will be able to assist you in every possible emergency from medical emergency, legal, vehicle breakdown, and security.

Please consider this for your own safety and well-being. Thank you and have a safe trip.

Contact:

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JANUARY 2007

Preferred Suppliers - Gauteng

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

1) ECHO ACCESSORIES 4x4 CENTRE – NEW STORE!

Visit Willie, Rochelle, Neil, Phillip 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.

Call 012 – 345 3333, Fax 012 345 3343 or email: echoacc@mweb.co.za. Web: www.echo4x4.co.za

2) 4x4 INSURANCE

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 leisuresure@webspeed.co.za or on 083 306 5657 / Fax (012) 542 3564.
Speak to Phillip (club member)

3) KEVIN BOLTON CONSULTANTS

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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4) FRONT RUNNER

Front Runner will offer any club member, on production of their club card, a 10% discount on the purchase of any Front Runner produced product.

Call Wayne Heath-Coombe (club member) now.
1 Forssman Close, Dytchley Road, Barbeque Downs, Kyalami
011 466 0155
www.frontrunner.co.za

5) 4x4 MEGAWORLD

10% on ALL products in their larger than ever warehouse. What an offer. From camping gear, 4x4 gear, outdoor gear, the lot!!!! Their warehouse is now bigger and better and definitely worth a visit.

Club members, as one of the few places that give is 10% on anything!, it is well worth the visit. Speak to Colin, John (the band player!) or any of their well trained staff!

Unit 5, Herman Road, Meadowdale (off Barbara Road)
011 454 2875
megaworld@oldmanemu.co.za

6) 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

7) HONEYDEW TOYOTA & RV CENTRE

Contact Johan Kruger (club member) for all your Toyota and other accessories at their RV Centre. New Honeydew Toyota Showroom (opposite THE COCA COLA DOME) - refer http://www.honeydewtoyota.ix.co.za/lmg_upload_departments/3674_441636.gif for map. Address is Olievenhout Street, off Northumberland, which runs parallel with the N1 & the R28.

8) 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 (both club members) or any of the staff in the shop.

9) M-CENTRE - Quality Mechanics - Centurion Area

These are the guys I have been using for 3 years after I walked out of the local Toyota Work shop in Centurion one day. Quality service, excellent workmanship and unbeatable pricing. Any make, but great on Toyota's. Also the Merc or the BMW - these are their specialities. Call Les or Danie on 012 653 7855 now for a booking or discussion on your vehicle.

10) OUTDOOR WAREHOUSE - CENTURION

The suppliers of a wide range of camping, climbing, paddling, hiking and 4x4 accessories and goods, this store is a worthwhile venue to spend some quality time in. Close to the high way (N1), off the Old Johannesburg Road in Centurion. No discount offered, just good service!

Contact their sales people on (012) 661 0505. Visit unit 4, Highway Business Park, Park Road South, Rooihuiskraal.

11) GOING PLACES 4x4, CENTURION - CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

14 Botha Avenue, Lyttleton. For your entire 4 x4 and camping needs. All members get 5% on presentation of club card. Contact Ron or Christo on (012) 664 7609

12) 4x4 Offroad Adventure Mail Order Outlet

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14) ONLY FOR MEMBERS - HAVANAH CAFÉ (MENLYN)

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