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Hello Readers

We see to be at that time again already with the shops already displaying their Christmas decorations in an attempt to entice us to part with our end of year bonuses. The year has raced by again and the deadlines to reach before the Christmas break just seems to accelerate things. I am definitely going to slow down over this festive period and just chill out a bit and do nothing.....oh maybe just a trip up Sani Pass or something.

Don't forget it's almost membership renewal time, please note the club's new banking details:-

Landrover Owners Club KZNSA

Standard Bank

New Germany

A/c No 25 - 136 - 651 - 0

Anyone interested in Club Regalia, we have caps, shirts, badges and stickers. Contact Andrew Mason (details on left) for more info.

Sadly, I got to hear of another member's passing today. Fred Meyer passed away in August and our belated condolences go out to his family and close ones.

Ed



Some pictures of Gunga Din on the "snow" weekend, we had an awesome time. They were taken in the Lions River area on a mates farm. As you can see Series 1 windscreen wipers are totally inefficient even though I have upgraded to 110 wipers as the Series 1 originals are totally unaffordable!! Not something I took pleasure in doing I must admit. It was like driving in a constant tunnel!! Audry Lotter

LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2008

When	What, where	More Info.	Grade
Nov	SHONGWENI	A trip to a few Waterfalls in the Shongweni valley. More info will follow.	3
9 Nov	TOY RUN	Date : 9 November 2008 Time : 08h00 for 09h00 convoy depart. Where : East Coast Cruisers Club House. Pineville Junction, corner of Old Main road and Stapleton road, Pinetown. Cost : Bring a toy to donate to charity. Who's invited : All and everyone, you do not have to be a LROC member to take part.	1
15 Nov	GATES RECCE	Recce for the Team Gates event moved to Saturday 15 November. Meet at 09h00 at top of Inchanga. If interested give George a call.	3-5
16 Nov	TEAM GATES EVENT	Directions : From Durban take the N3 towards Pietermaritzburg and take the Hammersdale / Inchanga off ramp. Turn right across the N3 and follow the road for about 2km. At the 1 st road to the right (Land Rover Experience sign) turn right and follow the road past the Hotel and up to the R103. Turn right into the R103 (old main road) and we will meet on the left about 50m up the road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time 08h00 to leave in convoy into the valley at 08h30 sharp. • A byo braai for lunch. PLEASE NOTE : This is NOT the same venue we have used for our last 2 Gates Events. SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER <i>Land Rover vs Toyota Challenge.</i>	
Sunday 23 Nov	LANDY VS TOYOTA CHALLENGE	Land Rover vs Toyota Challenge 2008 to be held at High Stakes 4x4 Track, Cato Ridge. Standard and modified Land Rovers required to be part of the Land Rover Team. Challenge to be run the same as our Gates Events with the same rules and scoring. The only difference is that you will not loose points for stalling. Time : 08h00 Registration and Vehicle Scrutiny for all taking part in the challenge. Start Time : 09h00 is the start of the Challenge. Arrive after the start and you will not be able to take part. High Stakes offers full catering and bar facilities.	3-5
January	DUZI CANOE	The LROC provides support along the route in the form of Marshalling. If interested in helping please give Henry Cochrane a call. 0829220370	1

Please remember that vehicles need appropriate recovery points and equipment for most if not all trails. Even vehicles like the Defender do not come out with adequate recovery points. Please ensure that you have the correct recovery points and gear to assist someone or to be assisted yourself should the need arise.

Emphasis is also placed on the fact that most events require booking well in advance. If you are interested in attending an event, please notify the relevant committee as soon as possible, as a lack of interest may lead to events being cancelled.

TRAIL GRADING: All our events from now on will have a Trail Grading according to the 5 grades below.

1. Complete novice soft dirt road trail, no low range required. Suitable for all Land Rovers including the Freelander.
2. Limited low range required but suitable for the novice driver. Suitable for all Land Rovers with certain trails not suitable for the Freelander.
3. Low range and limited off road knowledge required. Suitable for all Land Rovers except the Freelander.
4. A low range technical trail suitable for the experienced. The inexperienced will be able to do the trail, as assistance will be available from the more experienced members. Suitable for all Land Rovers except the Freelander.
5. Extremely technical, suitable for the experienced only with the possibility of vehicle damage. Only suitable for "Series" Land Rovers and maybe a few others.

BOTSWANA 2008 by Mike Lauterbach (Part 2 of several)



Eastern track in Kaudom

We headed off north along the eastern side, eager to spot game, and see the water holes. We soon realised that the sand track was slow work, even if corrugation free. It had undulating crests, rocking the vehicles either side to side, or up and down, limiting you to a top speed of 15 to 20 km for long stretches.

Two lone elephant were spotted in the veld, and a couple more at the following water holes. But we saw NO buck, just one lone female Kudu close to the southern Sikeretti camp. There was long luscious grass to be seen every where after the good summer rains.

After the long and arduous game free trip we were glad to reach the northern Kaudom Rest Camp at 16h00. We chose a camp site and settled in as soon as the temperatures dropped a bit. Every day so far we experienced max temps ranging from 37 to 40 degrees C, with chilly nights, requiring warm blankets.

Eventually, the rest camp warden came past and said that we did not have to pay camping fees, like at Sikeretti, but that we had to pay a park entrance fee again! We said that we had paid this already and had not left the park, and showed him our receipt. This caused more problems for him as he saw that we had only paid this fee this morning, and not last night, as their office was closed when we arrived). Well, he then said that we could only pay our fees in the morning, as they could not issue a park entrance fee twice in a day....anyway, the park was beautiful enough to warrant some payment, even if you don't see any game apart from ellies and vultures.

One really interesting incident involved coming across a female ostrich with her chicks in the middle of our track en route to the northern camp. We certainly came to understand the full extent of the lack of mental capacity of these birds. Chard was leading and tried to hurry her off the track. She proceeded to, with ever increasing intensity, play the hurt and dying swan act. The problem though was that some chicks followed her, while others continued running on their tiny little legs as fast as they could carry them, in the middle of the road!

The male was around but was, to say the least, pretty useless in remedying this situation for his family. Time and again the mother came back onto the track. Chard tried stopping and waiting in the hope that she would move off the road. However, to no avail. Then on the third try, he realised that if he got too close to the chicks, they just dropped "dead", flat on their stomachs, heads turned, and huge eyes watching this impending danger with the hope that it would fall for the ruse and believe them to be dead. It worked, with Mike following, we gradually got them to fall down, one after the other, until we had passed. Quite an interesting experience and another lesson learnt by all.



Kaudom Camp

The northern section is really beautiful with its numerous marula trees. The sand tracks are deep and bouncy, and it is slow going. It would be a really great park if more animals were around, even if only one or two buck etc...

Wednesday, 03/09/08 (166km, 5hrs 42min)

After another lazy morning, we headed off to the camp office after packing up, to pay the extra park entry fees (again). We left the office at 10h00, and left the park.



Northern track between Kaudom and the tar road

The Cibadon Swamp crossing in the north was bone dry and powdery, and could be difficult to cross in summer when wet. The dried tracks suggested deep mud, which could possibly become submerged under water. The rest of the park tracks were slow sand, as normal. As soon as we exited the park, the sand track became very soft and deep, probably because this section carried more local traffic - a number of villages are found along this stretch.

Some well established parallel tracks are found, and we tried one, but even though it was firmer in places, more roots were exposed, posing a risk to having tyre side walls slashed. This 38km stretch took us just over 2.5hrs, and we were glad to leave it behind.

At the tar road we stopped for ¾ hr while we pumped up our tyres and took a breather. The tar road to Divundi was good and fast – looked like it was still the original tar road SA constructed during the bush war. At Divundi we tanked up with diesel. My consumption was just marginally worse than my average 8km/l, despite the heavy sand. I used 102 litres since leaving Maun, and did not have to touch either of the other long range tanks.

Next was an attempt to view the Popa Rapids, and we drove to Popa Rapids Rest Camp. There they informed us that we could have a look at them after paying N\$20 per person! We politely told them to sod off. Thinking that we were clever, we proceeded to the Suclabo Okavango Lodge next door, where we were told sure, but only after paying N\$50 each – they did not even allow us through the gates to have a look at their establishment...really clever marketing???



Mahangu Campsite

Deciding that the Popa Rapids could not be that special as it only left a bad taste in the mouth, we carried on to Mahangu Safari Lodge. What a gem! Right on the river with plenty of shade and many decks extending over the river. The allocated camp site was spacious, with shade on one side from a Jackelberry tree, with unobstructed river views. Bird life was extremely good, and the first night we were entertained by sounds from fighting Hippos and trumpeting Elephants – at least it sounded like they had altercations. This carried on until the early hours of the morning – very cool!

Oh, forgot about our bread – we have been making bread pretty much every day now – what a pleasure to have fresh tasty bread – going down very nicely indeed!

Land Rover Owners Club KZN
4th Gates Sep 2008

(Total 8 Gates : 480 points)

Driver	Vehicle	Class	Score	Spring	Class Position	Overall
Long Wheel Base						
Ryan Goswell	Range Rover	Lwb S	340	Coil	1	2
Rob Lemon	Range Rover	Lwb S	340	Coil	2	3
Hugh Caywood	Def 110	Lwb S	340	Coil	3	4
Jan Viljoen	D Rangie V8	Lwb ML	320	Coil	1M	5
Audry Thomas	Def 110	Lwb S	310	Coil	4	6
Craig Levy	Disco 1 V8	Lwb M	300	Coil	2M	7
Leon Jacobs	Range Rover	Lwb M	270	Coil	3M	10
Geoff Sperring	Def 110 Puma	Lwb ST	260	Coil	6	11
Don Erwin	Range Rover	Lwb S	260	Coil	7	12
Mark Kirkbride	Disco 1	Lwb S	250	Coil	8	15
Paul Chantler	Series 111	Lwb S	240	Leaf	9	16
George Goswell	Range Rover	Lwb S	240	Coil	10	18
Ryan van Wijnaard	Series 11A	Lwb S	220	Leaf	11	19
Byron Tonkin	Def 110	Lwb S	200	Coil	12	21
Niel	Toyota Hilux	Lwb S	280	Leaf	5	9
Short Wheel Base						
Struan Reid	Series 111	Swb S	350	Leaf	1	1
Wesley Goldstone	Series 111	Swb S	290	Leaf	2	8
Gary Evangelista	Def 90 V8	Swb ML	260	Coil	4M	13
Glen Twiggs	Series 111	Swb S	240	Leaf	4	17
Mike Cullen	Def 90 V8	Swb S	220	Coil	5	20
Paul Stanley	Def 90 Puma	Swb ST	190	Coil	6	22
Ben	Suzuki	Swb	260	Leaf	3	14

Note :

1. Class S = Standard vehicle
2. Class SL = Standard vehicle with lockers
3. Class ST = Standard vehicle with traction control
4. Class M = Modified no lockers
5. Class ML = Modified with lockers

Drivers with the same score are separated by counting the number of clear rounds, then scores of 50 etc.

4th Gates Event 2008 September 08 : Inanda Valley

Same venue as the last Gates event, on the banks of the Umgeni River upstream from Inanda Dam. 36 vehicles signed the register with a few more turning up during the morning, over 40 vehicles in the valley. 22 vehicles took on the challenge of the Gates and passed through the 1st gate. With so many vehicles and the limited space to move around and park, made it a challenge to get all the vehicles through the Gates. The heat did not make it any easier as it felt like a very high 30 odd.

The options for the gates in this part of the valley are many, with river sand, mud, water and rocks all mixed together. Thanks to all who took part or just came down for the day and provided support from the side.

The exit route from the valley still provides an option to test recovery points. The section around the big rock has a deep water drop off which always seems to catch some one out. I had put chevron tape across half the section, which seems to confuse some members. When you arrive the tape is on your left, which means that when you leave the tape must be on your **"LEFT ! ! !"** **NO, ON YOUR RIGHT**. On the previous 3rd Gates Event Kenneth Jones put his TD5 bonnet under the water and had to be towed home. This time Richard von Berg and Mike Cullen got off a little better with only their pride wet after a quick pull out backwards. I have seen 6 vehicles to date drive off the ledge into deep water. Take note, when there is chevron tape blocking off an area it's for a reason.

This was the 4th gates event we have run this year and again the Gates has attracted more members and visitors than our other events. It's a lot of work to set up the Gates on the day and requires a trip or two into the valley in the weeks before the event to plan the obstacles. Thanks to all who have come along and helped on the recce and on the day.
 George Goswell

Classifieds

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- Standard Defender jack: On some sites that you can buy this for about R560, so I assume I could get about 2/3 of that? I have two wheel covers which I will throw in if someone takes all for R1,000. Back door (not sure if you call this a door [the one that opens like the back of a bakkie). My Landy is Yellow and hence the door is the same colour. As I mentioned, this stuff is all brand new. Contact Andre van Biljon Cell: 0824934282, abiljon@istech.co.za (Centurion)
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