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Hello Readers

I would just like to wish everybody a joyous festive season, safe travels and all the very best for 2009. If anyone hears or speaks to a member who is not getting their newsletter at all or in the wrong format ie post instead of email. Please contact me directly so that we can sort it out. Postal costs are high and we can possibly spend the funds on more important things like you guys.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the LROC will be held at the Eston Farmer's Club on SATURDAY 21st February 2009 at 15h30 for 16h00. A Fun Evening with prize giving, disco music (decent music) and a sit down supper (comprising two roast meats with roast potatoes, rice, gravy and 2x vegetables in season) in the Farmer's Club Hall, will follow the meeting.

The AGM, Fun Evening and Supper is just part of an entire weekend campout package (which also includes a Gates Event in the Quarry, a fun do for those who do not want to do the Gates on Saturday Morning and a Trail Drive on Sunday) to be held at the Farmer's Club from Friday 20/2/2009 to Sunday 22/2/2009.

Please note that the cost for this ENTIRE PACKAGE is R75.00 per head. The Easton Club expects us to support their bar and meal facilities so please DO NOT BRING YOUR BRAAI OR YOUR OWN ALCOHOL to this event. Those wishing to come along and be part of this event must confirm names with JEAN AMBLER 083 2250669 no later than 2/2/2009. Jean will issue personalized vouchers to all members who have confirmed their payments by e-mail to theambler@telkomsa.net by no later than 2/2/2009.

Please note that R75.00 per head charge is for those members who will be CAMPING AND/OR will be having the SUPPER. This means that if you arrive on Saturday morning attend the gates/fun do and the AGM and then leave before the supper you will not be expected to pay the R75.00 per head.

Monies can be paid into the LROC account No 251366510 Standard Bank New Germany 045826. Please don't forget to endorse your deposit slips with your details AND the reference AGM PACKAGE.

2009 Subscription renewals 2009 Subscription renewals 2009 Subscription renewals

Please note that 2009 Subscription renewals have been posted to all paid up members. If for some reason you don't receive yours through the post please CONTACT Gavin McKenzie 031-2661175. Please deposit your remittance of R160.00 directly into the Club's current account which is:

Land Rover Owners Club, Standard Bank, New Germany

Branch Number: 045 826

A/c Number : 251 366 510

Please use your Name and Membership Number as a reference on your deposit slip.

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

We wish to welcome the following new member - Michael Ashington and his wife, Paula, - and hope they enjoy being part of the LROC "family"

For those of you going away before the next newsletter, please drive safely and keep it on four wheels...

Ed

One of our elder members Colin Butler passed away last night. Colin Joined the LROC in January 2005 and owned a Green Series 1 LWB pickup which was always displayed proudly at Cars in the Park. Colin was one of very few members who would always phone me before an event and offer an apology or confirm that he would be taking part in the event.

His funeral will take place at the Anglican Church in Hillcrest on Wednesday 17 December.

I will send out a general email to the members once I have the time of the funeral.

George

TRAILS AND EVENTS

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.



LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2008

When	What, where	More Info.	Grade
Sunday 14 Dec	SHONGWENI VALLEY	A trip to two Waterfalls in the Shongweni Valley. An easy to technical drive along dirt roads and two track with a little mud, shallow water crossings, and a hill. Options for the brave to play while the rest drive around. Meeting place to follow	3 - 4
15-17 Jan 2009	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
20 – 22 Feb 2009	LROC KZN AGM	20 ⁿ AGM of the Land Rover Owners Club KZN. Venue will be the Eston Farmers Club with the same format as the last few years. A camp over weekend with a Gates Event on the Saturday morning, AGM in the late afternoon and a trail drive on the Sunday. Selwyn Ambler is the contact. 0839926969	1 - 3
10 – 13 April 2009	LROC JAMBOREE	The LROC SA would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Kwazulu-Natal Land Rover Owners Club to join us at a National Jamboree from the 10-13 April 2009. The event will take place at Heron Cliff (Baviaans) in the Gamtoos Valley and is being hosted by the LROC PE Chapter. More info to follow.	3

BOTSWANA 2008 by Mike Lauterbach (Part 4 of several)

Wednesday, 10/09/08

Off to Shakawe for provisions and clean water. The water from the tank at the main road, fed from Shakawe, was excellent, and we filled up our tanks and water bottles, using my spare submersible water tank.

In Shakawe we found most provisions, bar one item, tinned asparagus, but the rest was found in Choppies, and of course in the overpriced bottle store...

Came back and lazed around the shaded campsite. Afternoon temperatures were hot as normal, and birdlife wonderful as the temperatures started dropping below 32 degrees C. The monkeys were around as usual. Apparently they have worked out how to open ammo boxes and fridges – clips are no challenge for them anymore.

At 15h30, we left with Lawrence for our last sundowner cruise. What a wonderful event again! We went north, way past Shakawe. The country side changed from reed beds to grass plains. Lots of Hippo were around. Just past Shakawe, we sailed around President Khama's wonderful island – what a spot to own!

On the way back, the skimmers were photographed, as well as a few attempted pictures of a hippo lined up with the setting sun – but the hippo knew exactly what we wanted, and managed to manoeuvre himself out of the picture frames, irrespective of our constant boat manoeuvring.



Yet another magnificent sunset on the Okavango river



Giant Kingfisher with an eel

Thursday, 11/09/08 (214km, 7hrs 50min)

Half past seven saw us on the road again, destination Guma Island, via Tsodilo Hills. The Vet point personnel at Samochino inspected our fridges, sprayed our tyres, and we placed our shoes on the mat for disinfection.

At Tsodilo, we did the mandatory museum bit, reading up on the history of the sacred hills, about father, mother and child etc. We took a guide (50 Pula) who showed us a couple of rock paintings. After taking a drive around the hills we headed back to the main road. The gravel road was in fairly good nick.

The GPSr showed us the correct track to Guma Lake Camp, through deep and soft sand sections. The camp looked great with fantastic views over the lake. Unfortunately they were booked out, and we had to back track to Nguma Island Camp. The manager at Guma Lake was kind enough to phone Nguma Island to confirm that a camp spot was available there. He was told to inform us not to take the short cut road to them, as it was booby trapped with nails and trees across the track. This confirmed what Mike Niewoud mentioned on the T4A forum. After a round of drinks on their deck, we headed off back down the sandy track, travelling about 30km in total instead of the 2.3km short-cut track!

We proceeded to Nguma Island Lodge, where we were informed that we have to use their camping site next door, just to the north. It was called Delta Dawn Bush Camp. The setting was quite nice under the shaded trees, but that was about it. It had no views of any water – even the tented chalets here only overlooked reed beds. Our camp site faced the community kraal. An indemnity form had to be signed, clearing them of any responsibility of possible theft! We were also informed that as campers, we were not allowed onto their viewing deck, were not permitted to use the bar and if we wanted to view the lake, we had to walk a couple of 100 meters past the lodge to another view site. Campers certainly are treated like low grade tourists here, and we did not sleep well that night – hearing footsteps in our campsite on a few occasions. Guma Lake is a real gem, especially when compared to this dump, which we rechristened “Leper Colony”!

Needless to say, we cut our intended two day stay in this area short to one, and decided to head for Maun in the morning, to book for the CKGR, as we thought that they could possibly be closed on Saturday.

Friday, 12/09/08 (328km, 9hrs 45min)

After leaving at 08h00, and being waved through the temporary Vet point at Nokaneng Village when they saw our still white sprayed tyres from the previous Vet Point, we were stopped at the other temporary Vet point just east of Toteng, which we had forgotten about. Fortunately they did not check our fridges after we mentioned that we had just travelled through countless points and had been checked thoroughly every time. They sprayed our tyres and we did the shoe thing again, and proceeded thankfully to Siatunga Rest Camp, where Chard wanted to meet up with Gazza, the Kiwi owner, who is a client of his. The Camp site is sandy, with a great bar area, complete with pool. It could get very noisy at night as he caters for the bigger tour busses coming through. Security here is great though, and pilfering at night would be a great risk to the pilferers...

In Maun we headed straight to the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, where we booked our campsites in the CKGR. Unfortunately we were told that the Tau Pan camp site was booked out.

We filled up our Land Rovers with fresh provisions once again at the Spar and at a bottle store, and we headed for the coffee shop opposite the airport. After drawing cash next door, we had a sumptuous meal here before heading for the local watering hole at the Okavango River Lodge, where we set up camp next to the river again.

Saturday, 13/09/08 (245km, 8hrs 30min)

We left relatively early at 07h23, and proceeded just past Xhana Village, where we turned right to follow the vet fence running south to meet the CKGR fence line.

The usually dry Boteti river was in flood, and we stopped on the bridge to photograph the numerous birds in the river and on the banks.

The road was tarred all the way to Makalamabedi Village, where the Vet Point officials did a thorough search of our fridges. They wanted to confiscate our bacon, but relented because “it was only a small quantity” after we told them that it was smoked, and that no other Vet points were interested in bacon.



The flooded Boteti River

The vet fence track was sandy and rutted in places, but generally in good condition, and we reached the entrance gate in no time. Here we were told that the park was burnt down and that we would probably not like to enter. They also told us that we were the only vehicle in the park, and that we could camp at Tau camp. We did not pay as we could possibly shorten our stay, and were told to pay when we exit the park – very friendly staff indeed. The last of the fires, which swept into the park on 23 August, were apparently put out last night.

We made it to Sundays pan, where we chose camp site #3, which had a great view over the pan, and spent a peaceful night here. We were greeted by a mongoose, some hornbills and during the night had a leopard and her cub pass around the camp as attested to by B and Chard and their identification of the spoor.

Sunday, 14/09/08 (157km, 8hrs 10min)

Yet another lazy morning with a magnificent breakfast saw us heading off for Tau Pan. What a beautiful, shaded camp, right on the edge of the pan, overlooking the whole pan. We had hardly opened our vehicles, when two Touregs from the Eastern Cape came and told us that we should proceed to the next camp, as they had booked and paid for this camp months in advance. They were not interested in sharing this site even for one night, even though everyone could be accommodated easily here – they really had a bad attitude and we decided to leave rather than cause an altercation – they had official paper work after all, unlike us.

The office had booked us in on the “very nice” Phokoje Pan for two days. It was located in the middle of a burnt out region, and its shower enclosure had burnt down completely. The only tree in the campsite also offered little shade. Added with the prospect of seeing little game, if any, we proceeded for Piper’s pan.



A burnt section between Sunday and Tau pans

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