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Range Rover V8



# LANDROVING IN KZN



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**Ed's comment,** "The newsletter is published regularly on an irregular basis every month, printed as and when it seems fit and delivered when it suits. It will be late on your time, **but on time, on my time.**"

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## SNOW DRIVE – 09 August

With acknowledgement to Erik Warburg for this interesting contribution

My experience with snow driving on 9 August.

Snow has some strange characteristics. It crushes easily, so wheels sink to the ground level leaving two tracks, and when the middle-mannetje or depth of snow exceeds the clearance of the vehicle this creates a drag proportional to how much snow has to be graded off by the undercarriage. When this grading force exceeds the tractive force of the drive, progress ceases, and you are stuck.

Good quality dirt roads are generally crowned so that water drains off them properly. The road surface generally retains energy and is above zero and so melts the snow immediately above it, this traps a layer of water in contact with the road surface which softens it and thus becomes very slippery.

If you have a situation as I experienced where I lost concentration for a fraction of a second and steered slightly off the track, the braking effect of trying to mount the edges of the track with the front wheels seemed to flick the rear of my Landie to the other side and into the snow there, assisted by the soft slippery mud under layer. This resulted in a situation where I could not get any traction to go forward as it was uphill and there were effectively snow chocks in front of each wheel further impeding forward progress. I could only move backwards which got me further and further off the road crown and thus in steeper ground which added to the complication and the Landie just got more out of line with the direction of the road.

I had to hook my winch onto the vehicle in front to get me in line and on the track

again. On our return back down the hill later in the day there were quite a few other vehicles that had similar problems which we had to help before we could get past them.

Chains are a great help and if you only have one set, (2 Chains), my observation is that the front wheels are the best choice, as the rolling diameter of the wheels with chains gets larger and as you would be travelling with the centre diff locked, it is better to drag the rear wheels than to push the front ones. And also the chains on the front are steer-able so this can be used to try options by turning the steering wheel when you are stuck, and also if negotiating fresh snow, the aggressive chains will help to grind down or climb onto the snow making a track for the rear wheels to follow. For towing maybe the rear could be better for reasons of traction.

Tire type and tire pressure.

Mud or open tread patterns have to be the best choice, going in the same direction as chains.

Tire pressure, like with sand driving the softer the better, a hard tire creates much more pressure (load divided by area), so the soft road surface will be pumped forward in front of the tire opposing progress more than with a softer tire.

I also noticed something very interesting, a good relaxed driving effort allows the tire to compress the snow into the tread of the tire and to leave the tread imprinted in the track after the tire has gone over it. Now if too much throttle or torque is applied, the cubes of compressed snow in the treads shear off from the surface which creates a water interface (ice melts under pressure ( an ice skater actually travels on a layer of water which is formed by the pressure under the concave blades). This is not good for traction and secondly the lumps of compressed snow also have the habit of staying in the tread creating a slick on the next revolution adding to the complication preventing the smooth tire from climbing up onto the surface in front of it.

Make sure your windscreen washer pump works well and there is plenty of water as when there is no rain which is often the case, mud splashed up or from a vehicle in front has to be cleared, and without water this just smudges, so a continuous spray is desirable. My solution, throw a couple of snow balls onto your roof if you have a Defender 5 door as I have, as the snow ball melts, the water dribbles down the windscreen so the wipers can be left running.

Remember to clean your lights after your muddy journey. It is amazing how difficult it is to see in the dark without good lights. I nearly had a buck, which was casually meandering across the road after Brendan had passed, impaled on my winch. With my muddy lenses and standard Landie lights, I only saw it at the last minute and I also suppose that maybe he could not see my camouflaged Landie.

Another learning experience, just for curiosity I switched my Tom Tom on for my return journey. Going down town hill in Maritzburg I was asked by the officious female voice if I wanted to take an alternative route as there was a 30 minute traffic delay ahead. After the second prompt I selected yes and I was diverted just after the arrestor beds off the main road down the old main road into the town. Just after the railway lines after the show ground it took me to the right and South for quite a long way.

I think we went past the railway station and the airport and then into a nature reserve on dirt roads through a cattle grid, with no lights around we just hoped that the old Tom Tom would not go on strike as we would have been totally lost. We eventually ended up a Cato ridge and in spite of the slower travelling speed, saved our half hour caused by the construction debacle at the Greytown intersection. We even saw a porcupine on this journey.

Thanks to the club and Brendon for organizing this trip, it is just so nice to do these things with like minded company who also have knowledge of the areas and the security allows for more challenging things to be attempted.

Erik Warburg





### Footnote by Ed

Well done to Brendan (and others?) for the Good Samaritan rescue of two Eskom technicians, who had gone off the road, were slightly injured, cold, and in some desperate need of assistance (see pic above). Sterling work guys! I also believe a family with young children were also helped somewhere in the back of beyond, on the return trip, after being discovered stranded on a fairly disused country road for some time. I cannot recall who it was who discovered them, but hats off to all. Makes us all proud!.

# WAZZUP

## LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2012

| <i>When</i>      | <b>What, where</b>          | <b>More Info.</b>   | <b>CONTACT PERSON</b>          | <b>Grade</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Oct – 7 Oct    | <b>SOUTHERN LESOTHO</b>     | 6 night trip to explore the south western corner of Lesotho. Vehicle numbers are limited to 12 vehicles. For more info give Brendan a call. | Brendan Mitchell<br>0832824318 | 3 / 4        |
| 21 Oct           | <b>REICHENAU MISSION</b>    | An easy social trip via dirt back roads to the Mission outside Bulwer. More info to follow  | George Goswell<br>0836581324   | 2            |
| 28 Oct           | <b>RECCE LR VS TOYOTA</b>   | Killarney 4x4 Track. Recce for the LR vs Toyota Challenge which will be held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> November.                               | George Goswell<br>0836581324   | 4            |
| 3 Nov            | <b>LAND ROVER VS TOYOTA</b> | The event this year will be held at Killarney 4x4 track, Shongweni. Wanted standard Land Rovers to join in the fun. More info to follow.    | George Goswell<br>0836581324   | 3/4          |
| 17 / 18 Nov      | <b>KILLARNEY</b>            | End of year camp over at Killarney. More info to follow.  | George Goswell<br>0836581324   | 3 / 4        |
| Dec              |                             |   |                                |              |
| Jan 2013         |                             |   |                                |              |
| 14 – 16 Feb 2013 | <b>DUZI</b>                 | Duzi time again . More info to follow.  | George Goswell<br>0836581324   | 3            |
| 21 – 24 March    | <b>LANDY FESTIVAL</b>       | For more info and to book have a look at <a href="http://www.landyfestival.co.za">www.landyfestival .co.za</a>                              |                                |              |

### Miscellaneous Events not organized by the LROC but worth supporting.

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| 29 Sept | <b>REGIONAL KZN 4x4 CHALLENGE</b> | Sierra Ranch, Mooi River | Lee Baxendale<br>072 133 7896 | 3/5 |
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### Note For All Gates Events:

1. Only paid up LROC members will be able to compete in the Gates Events from now on.
2. Non LROC members welcome to attend as spectators.
3. Only LAND ROVER vehicles will be allowed to take part. No other make of vehicle.

#### **TRAIL GRADING:** All our Events / Trails are graded 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 including the Freelander.
3. Low range and limited off road knowledge required. Suitable for all Land Rovers with certain trails not suitable for 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 and/or modified vehicles only with the possibility of vehicle damage.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Remember it's your club and you will get out of it what you want to. You have purchased **THE BEST 4 x 4 x FAR** and now it's time to use it. See you at the next club event.

**New Members who have joined or re-joined LROC over the past few months**

| Member No | Surname | Member Name | Salutation | Email Address |
|-----------|---------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| T.B.A.    | Muir    | Andrew      | Andrew     | T.B.A         |
| T.B.A.    | Duncan  | Craig       | Craig      | T.B.A         |
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### Obituary

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the recent passing away of member Dudly Lattimer.

On behalf of all the Committee and fellow club members, our sincere condolences are extended to the Lattimer family as they come to terms with their loss. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

## Wild Rover's Recipes

So come on admit it! Who of you have tried the Myrtle Turtle burgers yet?

### Manifold Matured Mamba

Take a sheet of tin foil and lightly butter on shiny side. Take one small tomato and dice. Ditto with a small onion and potato cut into smallish chunks. Place appropriate length of Boerewors on shiny side of foil. Apply liberal dose of diced tomato, onion and potato cubes to Boerewors. Apply condiments to suit taste. Wrap securely in tin foil, ensuring good tight seal. Open bonnet and place on manifold, ensuring tight fit. Close bonnet and drive for at least 1 hour, or until smell of cooked meat wafts into cabin and drives you crazy. Stop, lift bonnet and remove tin foil using recovery gloves. Open foil and check meat. Repeat as necessary for appropriate distance until meat is cooked. (Can use lamb chops, pork sausage, rump or suppose real Mamba too if you are a Bear Gryles fan!) - Warning – if smoke begins wafting from under bonnet, or intense magnesium like flare flight illuminates the ground around you, you may have overdone it!  
.....Keep fire extinguisher handy! Do not spray cat!

Add other ingredients like Patty-Pans, Brussel Sprouts, Aubergine or Baby marrows with some diced cheddar cheese too, if you like variety.

### Poor man's Potato crisps

Take peelings from a number of large potatoes. Place some oil in a frying pan. Bring to heat on fire. Throw in potato peels and fry until crispy brown. Remove from oil and place in paper towel or on paper plate to drain, and apply liberal dusting of salt or any preferred spice mix to taste. Allow to cool. Best consumed with large quantities of favourite drink or simply, as a light snack, while waiting for mom to cook the supper.

### Dunk Dipped Dog

Take a French loaf and cut into hot dog roll lengths (or hot dog rolls). Cut bread/rolls lengthwise and butter lightly. Insert a few slices of sliced beef, salted beef or silverside.

Make a sizeable pot of reasonably thick gravy using Bisto gravy powder and some meat/vegetable stock, or even thick beef vegetable soup. Add salt and pepper/spices to taste. Pour gravy into bowls. Dunk bread rolls in gravy and eat. If hands muddy, don't dip fingers in gravy! Care not to bite fingers.

### Chocolate Coated Crunchy Frogs

Take a marshmallow or two and place on end of a wooden skewer stick. Melt a slab of chocolate in a sauce pan over low fire or gas stove. Pour bowl of rice crispies. Dip marshmallow in chocolate and immediately roll in rice crispies. Place on sheet of wax-wrap or foil and allow to cool. Eat when cool. Do not eat skewer.

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## HANG OVER RECOVERY



### A LITTLE POEM FOR YOU ALL (To read, while I recuperate – Ed.)

I have a little Satnav  
It sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend  
It tells you where you are

I have a little Satnav  
I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones  
My Satnav is my wife

It gives me full instructions  
Especially how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says  
"You're doing thirty five"

It tells me when to stop and start  
And when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever  
Safe to overtake

It tells me when a light is red  
And when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively  
Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front  
And all those to the rear  
And taking this into account  
It specifies my gear.



I'm sure no other driver  
Has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car  
It still gives its advice

It fills me up with counselling  
Each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it  
And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,  
Makes sure I'm properly fed,  
It washes all my shirts and things  
And - keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages

And my tendency to scoff,

I do wish that once in a while

I could turn the damned thing off!

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## YOU HAVE TO LOVE A GOOD NURSE

A policeman was rushed to the hospital with an inflamed appendix.

The doctors operated and advised him that all was well; however, the policeman kept feeling something pulling at his pubic hairs .

Worried that it might be a second surgery and the doctors hadn't told him about it, he finally got enough energy to pull his hospital gown up enough so he could look at what was making him so uncomfortable.

Taped firmly across his pubic hair and private parts were three wide strips of adhesive tape, the kind that doesn't come off easily, if at all.

Written on the tape in black letters was the sentence, "Get well soon - from the nurse in the Land Rover you booked for speeding last week."

Kind of brings tears to your eyes doesn't it?

## EXPATS DILEMNA

I saw a bumper sticker on a parked car in Perth that read

'I MISS SOUTH AFRICA'

So I broke the window and took the radio and left a note that read,

'I hope this helps'

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**CLOSING DOWN SALE**

On offer to the highest bidder, 10years worth of collecting, breaking and storing of Land Rovers and their parts. Series 1, Series 2, Series 3, 110, Defender and Disco 2. Chassis, Axles, suspension components, fuel tanks, gear boxes, Transfer boxes, Auto boxes, V8 motors and Td5 Motors. Body Components. Load up and take away. Please note that the parts will not be sold off per unit but as a lot.

Please feel free to contact Barry on 0827873242

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**VARIOUS**

3m x 3m canvas tent with awning R3500.00  
3 x good quality stretchers R500.00 each  
4 x stretchers ok R200.00 each  
Camping pots and bowls R400.00  
2 mosquito nets (double) R150.00 each  
50 Lt. plastic water tank with roof rack holder R700.00  
3x roof rack double Gerry can holders R 500.00 each  
2 Pairs snow chains to fit 16 inch rim R1200-00 a pair.

Keith  
0844020202

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**1996 DEFENDER HARD TOP**

I have owned this car from new, it has been an important part of the family over the years, but it seems the time has come to sell, my lovely Defender. I have full service history and the car is in awesome condition despite the 404000 km. I would drive to Cairo in this car tomorrow if needed.

Pumba comes with a roof rack, and it has bench seats that fold in a double bed at the back.

The only reason for selling this car is the fact that it is 3 door.

Price R 80000

Cheers and thanks

Francois

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## **BULLBAR AND MT'S**

I have a bull bar with winch mount and some old BFG Muddys that are still usable. I want R1800 for the bull bar and R600 for all four tyres without the rims, rims are not for sale.

Tyres are 31x15x10.5 KM1 pattern two with about 50% life and two with about 30% .

Thanks

0832609603 and I'm in Pinetown

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Aubrey

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## **Ranger Rover Classic 4 Door 1983 V8**

In good condition. Mileage 231026. Seat covers a bit tired! Reason for Sale? Owner retiring!

Location : Camperdown

Contact: Richard Thompson Cell: 0828020923

Work: 031 7851118.

Price : R35000.00 N/N