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LANDROVING IN KZN



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Blah,de- Blah.de- Blah, Rhubarb, Custard.....



And the award for latest night goes to.....

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Happy Land Roving for another year

The Dusi

As with last year, our day started with an earlier than normal rise. Joined by my faithful assistant Cassie, on this my second Dusi stint, albeit for one day only again (I really must get my annual leave dates sorted), 03h00 saw Dusky hurtling off to hook up with the rest of the crew for the 04h30 convoy departure from the dam. With less than 4 hours sleep and still battling the effects of the previous week's angiogram, I was less than attentive as we hurtled at break neck speed to the rendezvous. Come 04h00, Dusky's turbo singing like Pearla White at the harbor entrance, I pulled into the lay-bye at the side of the road, only to realize that in my jaded state I was now waiting for everyone at the top of the Inchanga Valley meeting point.

My eyes adjusting to the misty conditions, my immediate thoughts went to next years Wally award!

After a hasty retreat along the windy and misty roads of Drummond and Hillcrest, which resulted in both eyeballs ending up in one socket, eventually we chose the right road to the dam wall, and with less than 10 minutes to spare before 04h30, we arrived at the dam wall. I have no idea what I was thinking at the time, but I am going to blame the delayed reaction of the sedatives!

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Some 10 minutes later, the convoy of Landy's with George in the fore arrived at the dam wall, and being rather late and pushed for time, some hectic activity ensued in erecting the tape and barriers along the road side, as TV crews and helicopters began buzzing overhead.

The day 3 race format was changed this year, with all the unseeded "fish and chips" paddlers leaving Inanda Dam first, followed by a two hour break in proceedings before the seeded rowers. This resulted in some fairly heavy traffic early in the morning, interspersed with a few hours of boredom, which allowed us a brief stint at following some of the paddlers down the route, before resuming official duties for session two.

Joining us at the bridge this year were Keith Olivier & son, Deon and Ray, who all did a sterling job of managing the seconders, and keeping us company.

Keith, looking a little worse for wear after an apparently late night, had a rather unfortunate end to his day (or was it fortunate?), when an errant seconder parked illegally, and upon being hastened along, promptly drove over his foot, causing some injury to Keith's toes. The fact that she was a Toyota driver added insult to injury, and resulted in some blue language from Keith, who understandably was a tad upset.

With a little ice block we managed to cool him down a bit, but alas, the pain of the toe (or was it the hangover) resulted in him calling it quits for the day. Hope the "foot fingers" are not broken Keith.

Sometime after his departure, a suspicious green vehicle was observed trundling slowly back up the road to the dam. Upon greater investigation, it was discovered to be none other than our Chairman, who rumour has it was on a bit of a mercy mission to get one apparently limp, lifeless and equally as green as Jenny, Dirk, to a shadier spot or hospital, I am not sure which. Apparently based on the photographic evidence seen later, a great display was made by Dirk the night before, on why certain people should never be considered for membership of our hallowed ranks!

Equally disconcerting however, was the fact that aforesaid green vehicle was not seen again at all on day 3, and some serious charges of Dereliction of Duties were overheard being relayed to race organizers. (These old eyes & ears miss nothing I tell you, nothing!)

Once the frenzy of activity was over, we meandered along the river to hook up with George, Brendan, Paul and Ryan and others, to try and catch at least some of the action. Judging by the shades of red of them all, I gather Thursday's heat in the valley had been tremendous, with I believe temperatures in excess of 50 degrees Celsius having been recorded by paramedics at one stage. This could explain why such copious quantities of liquid refreshment were consumed at the tent the night before, and maybe also why I never got mine! Thanks guys.

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Regrettably, the camera equipment utilized by yours truly was on the blink and not too many photographs were taken as a result of the need to deal with traffic flow, but a few random snaps were taken of the day.

By 12h30 it was all over bar for the clean-up of the pegs and tape, as we trundled down the road in the misty conditions, to chew the fat with the gang.

All in all a great day again, and for those who have not done Dusi before, hopefully see you next year.

A massive thank you from the Committee to all who rendered assistance and once again a special word of thanks to George for all the background work, in co-ordinating and arranging for everybody to receive their shirts and foodstuffs etc, for the day various days.



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WAZZUP

LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2012/2013

When	What, where	More Info.	CONTACT PERSON	Grade
17 March	UMGENI VALLEY	Meet at the Botha's Hill Spar and we will enter the valley below the old Rob Roy Hotel. It's a scenic drive which will include a view site or 2. BYO braai for lunch next to the river. Meet at 08h30 for 09h00	George Goswell 0836581324	3
14 April	NUNGWANE WATERFALL TOTI.	Scenic trail to a 70m waterfall at the back of Toti. BYO braai at the top of the waterfall for lunch. Meet at Doonside Shopping center at 08h30 for 09h00.	Brendan Mitchell 0832824318	3
26 April – 1 May	TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK	Trip fully booked unless we have a drop out or 2.	George Goswell 0836581324	3
19 May	CARS IN THE PARK PMB	Cars in the Park, Pietermaritzburg. Our annual event to show off the LROC and attract new members. It's a BYO braai for lunch with braai fires provided. For those not wanting to braai, full bar and catering are available. For those who have not been to Cars in the Park, it's an exhibit of motoring history by the various Cars Clubs. It's a day to socialize with other LROC members and enjoy the hundreds of cars on display. More info below.	George Goswell 0836581324	1
14 – 17 June	SANTA MARIA MOZAMBIQUE	Rustic camp site, be prepared to be self-sufficient.	Pierre Joubert 0823238372	2 / 3
July / Aug	SNOW RUN	When the snow is thick enough to play we go.	George Goswell 0836581324	3
16 Sep	MUSEUM TO MUSEUM FOREST TRAIL	Baynesfield to Malcom Anderson museum. The scenic trail will be on forest tracks and dirt roads (grade 2/3) There will be a charge of R50.00 per vehicle as per the last few years and all monies will be donated to the museums. Meet at 08h30 for 09h00 depart at Baynesfield Estate.	George Goswell 0836581324	3
21 – 24 Sep	LESOTHO	In at the bottom, up the middle, then across to the east and down Sani. Sound good, route still being planned but it's going to be a drivable route not a vehicle breaking route.	Brendan Mitchell 0832824318	3

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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.

Misc Events not organized by the LROC KZN but worth supporting.

21 – 24 March	LANDY FESTIVAL	See http://landyfestival.co.za for more info Give Mike a call to drive up in convoy.	Mike Cullen 0824473699	1
Sat 25 May	NATIONAL 4x4 CHALLENGE	Kwazulu Natal's leg of the national 4x4 circuit. This is an event we support as spectators, do not forget your camera, it's all action. Full catering and bar facilities available. Highstakes is the venue. Starts at 09h00	www.4xtr.co.za	1

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

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HANG OVER RECOVERY



**Chap on the border army sends his Granny a hand grenade, with a note:
If you pull the pin, I'll get three days pass to come visit.
Love Boetie**

Ambulance in Cape Town, with lights flashing and sirens blaring comes screaming by.

A drunken "Bergie" runs behind frantically waving his arms, and ploughs headfirst into the tarmac.

He stands up, half crippled and shouts after the ambulance:
STICK YOUR ICE CREAM IN YOUR BLERRIE GAT MAN!!!!

School principal makes an announcement.

"The girl's dormitory is out of bound to all male students.

If you are caught in them, it's a R50 fine for your first offence.

If you are caught there again it is a R100 fine, 3rd time it is R150 and so on and so forth. Do you understand?"

"Any questions?"

A small voice rings out from the back of the hall - "So what does a season ticket cost?"

LADIES, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING AT OTHERS YOUR OWN AGE AND THINKING, SURELY I CAN'T LOOK THAT OLD? WELL.....YOU'LL LOVE THIS ONE!

ALICE SMITH WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR HER FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST.....

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“I NOTICED HIS DENTAL DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME. SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK HAired DREAM OF A BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO”

“COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN?” UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT.

“THIS BALDING, GREY HAired MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS FAR TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE.”

“AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL”

“YES, YES I DID. I'M A MORGANNER!” 'HE BEAMED WITH PRIDE.

“WHEN DID YOU LEAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE?” I ASKED

HE ANSWERED, IN 1965. “WHY DO YOU ASK?”

“YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!” I EXCLAIMED.

HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY. THEN THE UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT BUMMED, GREY HAired, DECREPIT BASTARD ASKED.....

“WHAT DID YOU TEACH?”

The school inspector is assigned to the grade 4 class in one of the local schools. He is introduced to the class by the teacher.

She says to the class: "Let's show the inspector just how clever you are by allowing him to ask you a question." The inspector reasons that normally class starts with religious instruction, so he will ask a biblical question.

He asks:"Class, who broke down the walls of Jericho ?"

For a full minute there is absolute silence. The children all just stare at him blankly. Eventually Johnny raises his hand. The Inspector excitedly points to him.

Johnny stands up and replies: "Sir, I do not know who broke down the walls of Jericho, but I can assure you it wasn't me."

Of course the inspector is shocked by the answer and looks at the teacher for an explanation.

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Realizing that he is perturbed, the teacher says: Well, I've known Johnny since the beginning of the year, and I believe that if he says that he didn't do it, then, he didn't do it."

The inspector is even more shocked at this and storms down to the Principal office and tells him what happened, to which the principal replies: "I don't know the boy, but I socialize every now and then with his teacher, and I believe her. If she feels that the boy is innocent, then he must be innocent."

The inspector can't believe what he is hearing. He grabs the phone on the Principal desk and in a rage dials the Minister of Education's telephone number and rattles the entire occurrence to her and asks her what she thinks of the education standard in SA.

The Minister sighs heavily and replies: "I don't know the boy, the teacher, nor the principal, but just get three quotes and have the damn wall fixed!!"

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