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The Editor's Letter

May is my favourite time of the year! The tapestry of golds, browns and oranges that adorn the trees; the brilliant azure skies and the soothing warmth of a golden sun – what's not to love? Additionally, May is my birthday month and although I am not so keen on the idea of getting one step closer to my mid-life crises (Zack I will be having one of these and I think a challenge vehicle with same mad mods would help me through this troubled time) I do love that it is the one time of year I get to eat chocolate cake, in bed, for breakfast and it is completely acceptable – nay, encouraged.



This month I turned 35 years old and in many ways it feels like the start of a new period in my life. Land Rover, 35 years after its auspicious start in 1948, began production of the Defender, which cemented a lifelong love for this iconic brand. In the past, before I became heavily involved in Land Rovers, if someone asked me to think of a Land Rover, a Defender would come to mind. Defenders seem to epitomise a spirit of adventure, toughness, durability and a 'can do - go anywhere' attitude. Many would argue that the Defender is 'The Land Rover' but as I have got to know the Discos, Rangies and Series each have that special 'Land Rover' something about them and of course their own legion of fans.

35 years old and so begins the next chapter in my life. I too hope that it will be epitomised by a sense of adventure, that it moulds me to be stronger, tougher and more durable than ever before. I believe that in many ways 4x4ing has been and will continue to be instrumental in this. It has taught me courage and trust in myself. It has pushed me to my limits and in so doing made me more resilient than I ever thought I could be. As I have grown in confidence behind the wheel, so I have grown more confident in life. My landy has been an important part of my liberation and in saying this; my landy is so much more to me than just a car. Anytime someone suggests selling 'Monster' my reply normally goes along the lines of "you can try pry it out of my cold, bloody, dead hands".....

And on that note, from your slightly older editor I say farewell until next month...

Michelle



News & Events

'Cars in the Park' was the main event of the month with good attendance and a wonderful array of Land Rovers for visitors to ogle and dream about. Although a number of members dropped out at the last minute, the KZN LROC's stand was spacious and enjoyable; perfect for families and members of the public to mill about at their leisure.



We often are unaware of the 'behind the scenes' activities that take place for such an event. Here is George's insider story: Behind the scenes.....

Cars in the Park – by George Goswell

What a weekend, 2 days of Cars in the Park for me, I was involved with 2 clubs. I left home around 08h30 on Saturday and arrived home at 20h00 on Sunday. Thanks to all the LROC members who enjoyed the day under the trees, I counted forty vehicles. We had Series 1's a plenty, a very lovely newish big body Range Rover and almost every model in between.



Next year we will limit to a maximum of 40 odd Land Rover's as last year 53 was way too many for our small plot of grass under the trees. There was a big effort this year, with many members displaying pictures on their Land Rover's, well done, I am sure many members of the public went home very envious of the places we have been to.

Thanks Audry for the breakfast, I needed it. Thanks to Mike Cullen, John Eakins, Dave King and Paul Stanley for giving up 2 hours of their day and assisting the VSCC with marshalling at the entrance. Thanks also to Peter Bunge and Dave McDougal for setting up their Land Rovers as in an overnight camp scene. Cheral and Sonja you left the men in their own to sweat knocking in tent pegs whilst you did the lady thing and ducked, shame on you. And lastly guess who arrived first on Sunday, at least 30 minutes before any other member.....



I camped over at Cars in the Park, in fact I slept on the top floor of the double decker bus and was up before sunrise to put up the LROC club banners and sort out a few things on the NVT&MC stand. I had just finished putting up the LROC banners and I could not believe what I was witnessing.

A Series 1 coming down the drive and across the leaf lined grass towards me, I blinked twice and it still came towards me, it was real, Kenneth Jones was the 1st LROC KZN member at Cars in the Park.

NOW, let me tell you about **Cars in the Park**. Cars in the Park is organized by the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) in Pietermaritzburg and this past event was the 39th year that the show has taken place. The planning I believe starts 8 months before the event.

For the LROC we receive an email invite around the end of the year informing us of the date of the next event and it's added to our calendar. The LROC KZN was started at Cars in the Park in 1988 so we have a special bond with the event.



Now my Cars in the Park starts about 2 months before the event when we call for vehicles to be displayed. In the past we just used to just turn up early and were directed to the LROC stand. The problem was you had no idea how many vehicles would turn up. A few years ago a pre-registration was introduced which was good and bad. Bad for me as I had to register every one of our Land Rovers on the VSCC data base. The last 2 years the VSCC has cut down on the info required and now we only need to give numbers. I break down the Land Rovers into decade groups which I pass onto the organizers. The event is a Vintage and Classic car show with 1980 as a reference date so it's good that we have more pre 1980 vehicles than post 1980. For the LROC it's a social day and the balance of old and later models Land Rovers displays the character of the club, we cater for all Land Rovers.



Knowing how many Land Rovers and what models will be at CARS makes my job a lot easier. I kid you not if I tell you that I draw a layout of our stand and work out the layout before the event based on the vehicles that will be there. I am at CARS on the Saturday and pace out the stand according to my layout and place markers on the ground. Yes markers on the ground, did you not see them !!! Next year have a look for a clearing of leaves and a little pile of leaves in the middle of the clearing, that's my marker, very echo

friendly. They indicate where the front bumper must be for the S1 line or the start of the Defenders or the Disco's etc. The banners are either put up on Sat afternoon late or on Sunday morning way before any Land Rovers are on the site.

I mentioned that I am involved with two clubs at CARS and this makes the weekend very busy. I seem to get caught up in all things and find very little time to walk around the show. Not complaining as it's a big social and you get to meet up with many people.

I packed my Land Rover on Friday evening, posters, banners, braai, charcoal and plenty more on the trailer. Up early on Saturday and went via Baynesfield to load up more stuff on the trailer. Pulled it through to CARS and the setup on the

NVT&MC stand took all afternoon. Late afternoon I paced out the LROC stand and placed my markers. We then fired up a fire and a dozen of us camped over. I normally sleep in my Land Rover but the bus looked more comfortable so I took over the top floor and dumped my mattress on the floor. Sunday was an early wake up with vehicles coming into the show grounds from about 03h00. I got up at about 05h00 and put up the LROC banners and then sorted out some of the spectator fencing on the NVT&MC stand. Then the show was on, loved it and I will be back next for the 40th Cars in the Park.



THANKS to all who made the LROC KZN display a success, roll on next year.



Ten Minutes with Mark

Tell me about your very first Land Rover?

My first Land Rover is the one I drive now...1993 200tdi Discovery. I bought it because a Discovery passed me in my Chevy C10 V8 towing a caravan up Town hill. I said to my wife there and then I wanted a Discovery "to tow the caravan". That was Ten years ago.



How long have you been 4x4ing and who taught you to 4x4?

I joined the 4WD club of SA(KZN) as soon as I bought the Discovery in 2004. The joining fee came with a basic 4x4 training course (as it does today). Samantha and I both did that course and it was the catalyst for a deep respect for everything these vehicles can do. I also conned the Land Rover Umhlanga salesman to throw in a course at the Land Rover Experience in Inchanga.

What Land Rover do you drive now?

Still the first one...200tdi Discovery.

Does your Landy have a name and what inspired that name?

HowZedBra. I always liked the zebra's striped pyjamas so I dressed my Disco in stripes. The rest of the name came to me at about 3am in the morning. Deepest thinking always takes place then.

If you could have one modification/accessory fitted to your Landy, what would it be?

A Zebra hood ornament! The Disco is perfect otherwise.

What is your worst Land Rover memory?

Hearing that my Landy had broken down in the Eastern Transvaal while my folks were using it on a game park trip. They managed to blow the head gasket...It's a long way to go to fetch a vehicle. Cleaned up the head and block...checked and refitted with new gasket and bolts...Perfect to this day.

What is your favourite Land Rover memory?

So many good ones... My latest favourite is the Hankook Raid endurance event. Best fun you can have with your pants on. I have a smile on my face every time I pull someone out of the dwang...Been pulled out so many times I can't remember. My motto is "if you don't get stuck, you weren't trying hard enough".

Where have you been in your Landy?

Not many places...JHB is the furthest it's been with me. I do mostly local trips into the bush due to budget restraints and no Passport.

Which was your favourite?

Always love it in the bush.. It's a zebra's natural environment.

Where would you still like to travel to in your Landy?

I would love to go to Mozambique before it is totally spoilt, and Lesotho.

If you could own any Land Rover (besides what you own already) what would it be and why?

I think the Evoque is the sexiest vehicle on the road (PERIOD). I would like to take that in the bush too... just to show people what it can do.

Besides land-rovering what else do you enjoy doing?

I have a penchant for electronic gadgets.. I am always fiddling with phones, tablets and computers etc. I am never happy with a stock item.. has to be modified in some way(A bit like my Land Rover really) I also love to build things from timber. Furniture, kitchens and bathroom cabinets are no problem for me.



Land Rover Quiz

Below are a few questions about Land Rover.

They cover history, technical and general facts about Land Rover, the world's most versatile vehicle. This month are the questions, next month the answers, see how many you are able to answer without Google.

How well do you know Land Rover? - By George Goswell

1. What is the firing order of the 2 ¼ motor used in the Series Land Rovers?
2. The distributor on the 2 ¼ motor rotates clockwise or anti clockwise.
3. From what Model & Year did Land Rover drop the year of manufacture from the VIN number ?
4. How was the air vent under the windscreen different between the S11 and the S11A ?
5. A Forward Control driving towards you, at a quick glance how can you tell if it's an 11A or 11B?
6. What was different about the Sill Panels on the 1964 and the 1969 S11A 109".
7. What was different with the rear shocks on the 1970 Range Rover Classic 3 door and the 1986 4 Door Range Rover Classic?
8. The Range Rover Classic had 4 styles of steering wheels. What were the 4 styles and what year models had each?
9. VIN no, 47163434 refers to what Land Rover?
10. What major difference was there between the 2lit motor used in the 1952 S1 80" and the 2lit motor used in the 1955 S1 86" ?
11. What year did Land Rover replace the wire spoke steering wheel with a black spoke steering wheel?
12. Why was 1983 a special year for the S111 in Africa?
13. CB40 was the prototype name of which Land Rover when under development?

14. Land Rover used code names to disguise project prototypes under development. What were the following project names for?
- Jay
 - Tempest
 - Velar
 - L30
 - Harrier
 - Gemini
 - Falcon
 - Romulus
 - Storm
 - Pegasus
15. When Land Rover launched the 107" Series 1 it was referred to as the "Long Wheelbase" Land Rover. What was the 86" called?
16. The 86" Series 1 grew to 88" in 1956. Where did Land Rover add the extra 2 inches?
17. What was the major difference between the 88" Series 1 and the 88" Series 11 clutch?
18. What was the 1st production Land Rover to be produced with the 110" wheelbase?
19. Project Capricorn was the factory code name for which vehicle project?
20. What year was a key first used to start a Land Rover?
21. What Land Rover had its body built by a company who made the bodies for Aston Martin Cars?

What's On....

LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2014

When	What, where	More Info.	CONTACT PERSON	Grade
13 – 16 June	TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK	Camp over in an area out of bounds to day visitors. The trip is run as a fundraiser for the Tembe Honorary Officers who are busy with various projects in the park.	Erik Warburg 0824874950	3
29 June	2 ND GATES EVENT	The 2 nd Gates will be held at Killarney 4x4 Registration and vehicle scrutineering starts at 7am sharp!	Zack de Lange 0767669944 Leon Jacobs 0732147756	3-5
16 Aug	DAY OF THE CLUBS	Provisional – More info to follow	Kenneth Jones 0845091427	
Postponed to Oct/Nov	MUSEUM TO MUSEUM TRAIL	From Baynesfield Estate to Malcolm Anderson's ATOM Engine museum above the Byrne Valley.	Kenneth Jones 0845091427	3
Non LROC KZN organized event but worth supporting.				
26 July	NATIONAL 4x4 CHALLENGE	High Stakes, Cato Ridge		

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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.
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5. Extremely technical, suitable for the experienced and/or modified vehicles only with the possibility of vehicle damage.



It's just that I don't like to think of him out there in that cold garage.



"Sell it? No, I plan to restore it and take a trip to Africa."

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

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