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# LANDROVING IN KZN



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Monthly Newsletter of the LROC of SA KwaZulu-Natal

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Hi All,

An early newsletter this month as we'll be away on holiday from the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 to the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

With few formal events over December (bar the Baynesfield event) a couple of informal events were organised such as a drive to the Waterfall, Inchanga Drive & Umgeni Valley Drive.

**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.**"

I have also included an article on "Tuckers" – a 4x4 trail near Ifafa on the South Coast that I and a couple of mates visited a while back.

A short newsletter as I need to finish before we fly on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ed

## Motorsport KZN

**George Goswell**

KZN will have a regional MSA 4x4 Challenge series in 2010. It will be a 6 event series and be run by the 4x4 Club KZN and be held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Regulations of Motorsport South Africa (MSA). The competition will be open to any lightweight 4-wheel drive vehicles for which a Code B (old code 08) driver's licence would normally be required for. The classes will be as defined below:

- **Standard Production Vehicle Class**
- **Open Class.** This is an open class to accommodate all types of 4x4 vehicles. Differentiation between the various vehicle types and modifications will be done by means of a handicap points system. The handicap for a specific vehicle will be determined at scrutineering. The handicap will be added to the competitors overall score for the day. Competitors entering in the KZN Regional Classes i.e. Standard Production and Open Class must hold a current MSA KZN Regional competition licence valid for 4 x 4 Challenge events.

**No Day Licences will be issued at the event.**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> event is in February and to make the event a success six (6) vehicles are required per class. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DRIVING OR WANT MORE INFO THEN PLEASE GIVE GEORGE A CALL AND HE WILL FORWARD YOU ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

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### EVENT DATES 2010.

21/02/2010	HighStakes
11/04/2010	Umzimto
04/07/2010	Ballito
29/08/2010	Eston
03/10/2010	HighStakes
21/11/2010	Pmb

## LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2009 / 2010

<b>When</b>	<b>What, where</b>	<b>More Info.</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>27 – 31 Dec</b>	<b>LESOTHO</b>	4/5 day Lesotho trip. Proposed route. Day 1 Up Sani and north towards OX Bow. Turn off at the Kao Mines track. 1 <sup>st</sup> night camp along this track. Day 2 or ? Past Kao mines, Lejone and follow katse Dam from intake to dam wall. 2 <sup>nd</sup> night camp down stream from the dam wall. Day 3 or ? Through Thaba Tseka , cross the Senque, through Sehonghong and camp at the bottom of the Matebeng pass. Last day. Up Matenbeng pass and exit Lesotho at Ramatseliso gate. On each of the above 3 days there are routes off the proposed route which we might take depending on the group and the weather. This will make up the 4 <sup>th</sup> night.	George 0836581324	3 - 4
<b>21 - 23 Jan 2010</b>	<b>DUZI CANOE</b>	The LROC KZN provides support and marshalling on all 3 days of the Duzi Canoe Marathon. If interested in helping for 1 day or all 3, please give Henry Cochrane a call.	Henry Cochrane 0829220370	1
<b>Mid Feb 2010</b>	<b>21<sup>ST</sup> AGM LROC KZN</b>	It's that time again, 21 <sup>st</sup> AGM of the LROC KZN. It's a camp over, trail drive weekend with the AGM on Sunday before a lunch braai. More info to follow.	Selwyn Ambler 0839926969	1 - 5
<b>Sunday 16 May</b>	<b>CARS IN THE PARK PIETERMARITZBURG</b>	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 is 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.	George Goswell 0836581324	1
<b>5 June</b>	<b>NATIONAL 4x4 CHALLENGE</b>	More info to follow		

### 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 only with the possibility of vehicle damage. Suitable for "Series" and modified Land Rovers.

### 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.

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## Duzi Canoe Marathon

George Goswell

The LROC KZN has been involved in the DUZI CANOE MARATHON for 20 years, managing the batches at the start on day 1. My involvement in the DUZI started 10 years ago when the LROC KZN was asked to assist with marshalling along the route over the 3 days. Traffic and spectators had grown along the route and the need for control was required to allow the paddlers a smooth, safe paddle down the 2 rivers, which make up the Duzi Canoe Marathon. The traffic and the spectators need to blend in with the locals in the valley in a way that does not interfere with them going about their business. This is where the LROC and others fit in.

The private in the army had a motto, "never volunteer". Well ignore it because the LROC KZN needs a number of Land Rovers equipped with volunteers to help with the smooth flow of traffic during the 3 days of the DUZI CANOE MARATHON in January. The rate of pay is simple, it's virtually nothing. The hours can be horrendously long and you will be required to stay at your post whatever the weather. A letter from your mum won't suffice to let you off.

Despite a less than attractive offer, there is an undoubted reward attached to helping on an event such as this. You will get the unique opportunity to see the event first hand and from a different angle to most spectators. Plus the chance to off-road in scenic surroundings and access to restricted areas.

Included in the experience is an incredibly tasteful sticker for your vehicle, free camping in a large provided tent, all meals and drinks, event and marshal T-shirt's and a contribution towards your vehicles fuel. But, by far the biggest reward is the pure satisfaction of being involved in the DUZI CANOE MARATHON, one of the biggest canoe marathons in the world.

Why not give **Henry Cochrane on cell 0829220370** a call and experience the DUZI with the LROC KZN team of volunteers.

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## Transkei: Environmental Crackdown

George Goswell

George submitted the following two articles that serve to inform members of strict environmental controls in force in the Transkei. We support strong action against people denuding our environment but often people are simply not aware that their actions are illegal and these two articles serve to advise members.

THE Eastern Cape's highly specialised environmental unit, known as the "Green Scorpions", has cracked down on people and hotels along the Wild Coast for flouting environmental laws and has issued fines totalling more than R30 000. The Green Scorpions, or the Environmental Management Inspectorate, is a network of environmental enforcement officials from different government departments. The joint operation involved the provincial Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs (Dedea), Kei Mouth police, East London Dog Unit, police airwing and Marine and Coastal Management. They embarked on a crackdown at the weekend to enforce the law and to warn people to abide by the country's environmental laws. The operation kicked off at around 5am in Kei Mouth on Saturday. From there members of the team crossed the Kei River to inspect the coast. The team was joined by a police helicopter from Bhisho, which swooped on a number people driving off-road vehicles or riding quad bikes illegally along the beach. The transgressors were issued spot fines. Dedea senior manager for environmental compliance and enforcement Div de Villiers, who heads the Green Scorpions in the province, said they fined 12 people for driving along the beach illegally. All were issued with fines of R2500 each and ordered off the beach. The team also visited hotels in the area. "Basically we did hotel checks and found one with excess alikreukel (a type of shell fish)," said De Villiers. "The reason for taking action is the amount of damage caused ... trucks ... ride over birds' eggs and nests and vegetation. They churn up the mountainside, which leads to erosion." From the chopper, the Green Scorpions also spotted people mining sand illegally. The damage, seen from the air, "was unbelievable", said an inspector. "We impounded the truck and issued a R 5000 fine for his mining and driving along the coast. But he paid the fine and the truck was released," said De Villiers. "No vehicles were confiscated and not all of them paid their fines. It (operation) definitely yielded positive results. It's also proactive and warns people to stick to legislation. "The word is out; there will be zero tolerance over the forthcoming festive holiday season." Dedea acting head of department Sybert Liebenberg, who took part in the crackdown, said environmental crimes were also economic crimes. "They erode our tourism. Twenty years from now there will be nothing left in the Transkei for our children."

**Warning: Permits required for Wild Coast**



This is important information if you are going on holiday, day trip or fishing in the Transkei. You will need a permit to travel to cottages that are not on proclaimed roads and for all the roads that are not designated roads e.g. Road to the Jacaranda. If you do not have a permit for these routes you will be nabbed by the Green Scorpions and given a spot fine of R2500.

If you are a cottage owner and your cottage is not on a proclaimed road you will need to present your PTO (Permit To Occupy) at the Environmental office and acquire a permit to travel on the track to your cottage. No permits will be awarded to anyone without a PTO and for illegal cottages. Cottage owner permits are valid for one year.

If you are on holiday and are going to a cottage that is not on a proclaimed road you will need a letter from the PTO cottage owner, which you can present at the offices to acquire a permit. There is no charge for the permit. The permit is valid for one month.

As for fishing spots, permits will only be awarded for Mazeppa Bay and Cebe areas so you can then drive from Mazeppa Bay Hotel to Shark Point at Mazeppa and not get a fine. It basically works on a strip along the wild coast, which is 1km inland from the sea. You may not drive in this band without a permit. This includes quad bikes etc. If a proclaimed road goes all the way down to the sea you can then walk left or right to your angling spots from that point. If the road stops 1km before the sea and a bush path carries on towards the sea, you will have to walk from where the proclaimed road ends. You may not ride these trails. So if you want to visit your friends in the resort down the coast you will have to follow all proclaimed roads or make sure you are not within 1km of the coast if taking a shortcut along a bush track.

**Contact details to acquire a permit are:**

edwina.oates@deaet.ecape.gov.za

Tel: Edwina Oates - 043 740 4068

Fax: 086 519 3200

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## **Tuckers (Ifafa)**

## **Kenneth Jones**

A couple of us, Leon, Paul and Cameron decided, after an invite from Graham (who set up the track) to give Tuckers, situated near Ifafa on the old South Coast Road, a try.

The venue is superb with bar, braai facilities & ablutions.

The 4 x 4 track was great and even gave – see photos – Paul the opportunity to recover a Toyota from the mud-pit.



On Arrival

After visiting the mud-pit



Recovering a Toyota....



Landy Line-up

I'd definitely recommend the venue which, from us, gets a definite thumbs up.

Other facilities on offer are camping, hiking and fishing.

Visit [www.tuckerstours.co.za](http://www.tuckerstours.co.za) or contact Graham on 083 258 7069 or 039 977 8861 for more info.

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## Reminder

**Gavin McKenzie**

## 2010 subs are now due!

Please contact Gavin McKenzie on 031 266 1175 or [gavinmck@telkomsa.net](mailto:gavinmck@telkomsa.net) for further information.

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## The Annual Lemon Transkei Trip

**Bob Lemon**

Most of you know Bob & Dianne Lemon. Just about every year they visit the Wild Coast & this year is no exception. They welcome any club members who wish to join them.

The proposed itinerary looks like this.

Depart Durban early 26th Dec

The nights of the 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: Ntonga (Near Mpande)

The nights of the 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: some-where near the Grosvenor.

The nights of the 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: Secoombie (North of Mtentu)

The nights of the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Nyameni.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: return home at leisure.

The only camp site with any facilities is Nyameni with a long drop. Otherwise self contained.

I can be contacted at 0839599440 or bob@landrover4x4.co.za

Bob Lemon

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## One Word or Two Words?

**Kenneth Jones**

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time. Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work.

They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on. Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

"How do you feel about sex?" he asked, rather trustingly.

"Well," she said, responding very carefully, "I'd have to say, I would like it infrequently."

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, then, looking over his glasses, he casually asked, "Is that one word or two words?"

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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 its time to use it. See you at the next club event.

Total Membership      137

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**Classifieds** If you wish to place an advert, please forward the info to [kenneth@pcvs.co.za](mailto:kenneth@pcvs.co.za)

**Please note that ads will run in two successive newsletters whereafter they will be removed.**

**For ease of reference those highlighted in red have already appeared and will not appear in the next newsletter unless you specifically send me an email asking me to keep the ad.**

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- **For Sale**

- Front Runner aluminium roof rack. (R1800)
- Front runner storage draws with fridge/freezer slider.(R2800)
- Howling moon ALU AWN (2.5m) (R1000)
- Lizard spare wheel step (R350)

All the above are for DISCO 2 and in excellent condition. Call Ronnie 0834416545 a/h.

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- **FOR SALE**

GYPSEY ESCAPE CARAVAN, 1995. GARAGED, ONE OWNER, GOOD CONDITION, MULTI-ROOM AND MANY EXTRAS, R30,000. KEN GORDON. PH: 039 977 8646 (IFAFA BEACH)

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- **FOR SALE**

2006 pick-up defender 300tdi R 190,000 160,000km white good condition  
1988 defender station wagon, stripping for parts, offers  
Ryan 083 439 5973

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- **FOR SALE**

3 X 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Petrol Engines. Complete or Stripping for Spares. Make Offer.  
1 x series 2 firewall R 1,600  
1 x series 2 or 3 station wagon hardtop with side & backdoor interior lining good con R 3,000  
Defender wrap around bulbar with winch plate and jacking points R 2,500  
1 kew 8000 winch complete with remote and rollers R 2,000  
4 x bfg mud terrains 285/75/16 tyres are used but still have some life R 1,000 for all four  
Contact Paul Chantler 083 744 7072

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- **FOR SALE**

The Committee have voted to dispose of the club trailer as it has not been used for a number of years now.

It is proposed that cash bids are invited and the trailer sold to the highest cash bid received by end January 2010.

The trailer can be viewed by contacting George on 083 658 1324.

Bids can be communicated to Selwyn on 083 992 6969.