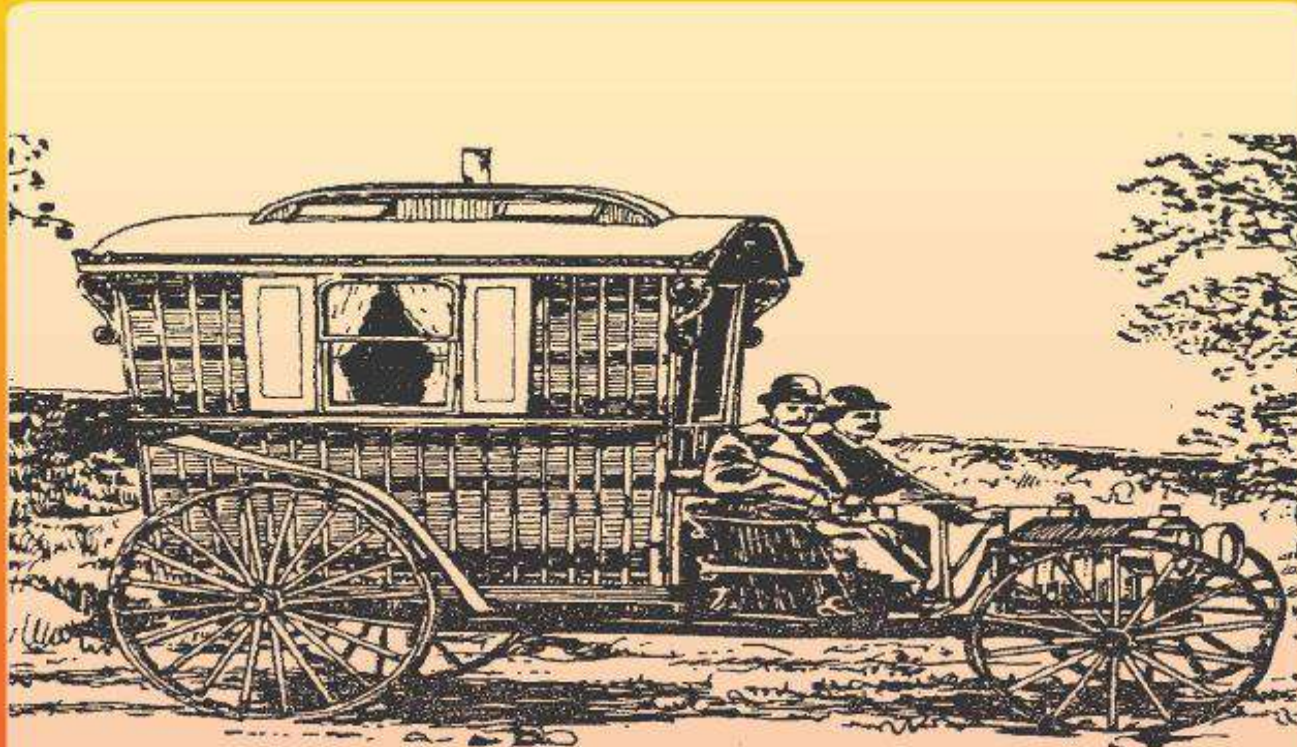




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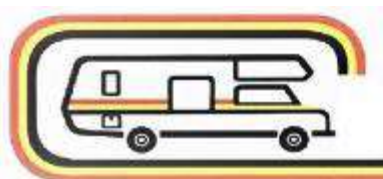


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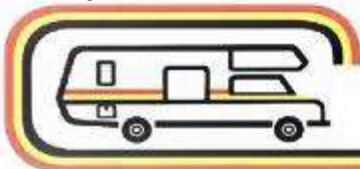
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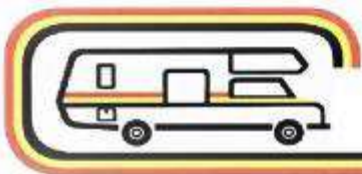
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## EDITOR'S REPORT



Na 'n lekker warm vier maande by Tshipise het ons besluit om die koue in die Namakwaland aan te durf om blomme te gaan kyk.

Sjoe, en was dit koud, en die reën het bygedra tot die koue.

Die blomme was egter pragtig en het opgemaak vir die koue. Ek plaas 'n klompie foto's maar dit wys nie regtig hoe mooi dit is nie. Dit is iets wat elkeen in lewende lywe moet beleef om dit te waardeer.

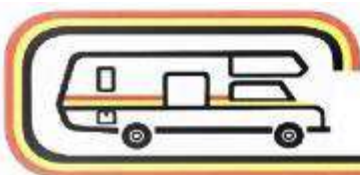
Ek kan nie glo die tyd vlieg so gou verby nie. Dis al amper die einde van die jaar en Kersfees is om die draai.

Ingesluit in hiedie uitgawe is die nuwe datums en oorde van al die streke se rallies vir 2024. Onthou, jy mag enige rally by enige streek bywoon. Tref net reëlings met die sekretaresse van die bepaalde streek.

Besoek gerus ons web blad vir inligting oor alle opkomende rallies en nog baie meer.

Baie welkom aan al ons nuwe lede – hoop julle sal die “motorhomer “ geniet. Laat weet gerus as daar iets is wat julle met ons wil deel of inligting wat julle benodig wat ons dan kan publiseer.

I also include the minutes of the AGM that was held during the rally at Dube, please read through this as this will only be approved at the next AGM.



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Congratulations to the newly appointed exco members:

*Chairman:* Willie van Heusden

*Vice Chairman:* Ralph Jackson

*Treasurer:* Marius Kruger

*Secretary:* Sonja Otto

*Additional Member:* Tim Swanepoel



We look forward to the National convergence rally which will take place during October 2024 at Gariep.

Preparations and planning are already on the way. Hope to see most of you there.

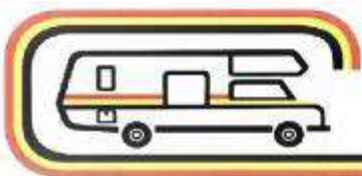
Ek groet tot volgende keer, bly veilig en gesond en geniet elke rally wat spesiaal vir julle gereël word. Onthou, dit is julle klub, geniet dit.



May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.

*Motorhomer regards*

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Die begrip, “met die spoed van lig”, beskryf die jaar 2023 ten volle. Soveel het gebeur gedurende die afgelope jaar, miskien het die rugby se weke lange stryd tydens die wêreldkampioenskap gehelp om die horlosie aan te jaag en voeg dan nog ook die wêreld eendag-krieketkampioenskap by. Maar die gevoel wat ons as lede van ons klub tydens kampe ervaar oorheers al die sport hoogtepunte. Soveel soete herinneringe van saamkamp en goeie tye saam met eenersdenkende vriende word beskryf deur die geykte uitdrukking – dit is die kersie op die koek. As ons terugdink aan 2023 was daar vele hoogte punte van die streekskampe en dan was daar boonop ook die suksesvolle noordelike en suidelike saamtrekke. Ons het vriende bygekry, die klub se lidmaatskap groei en ons dink ook terug aan goeie vriende wat die afgelope jaar na hoër diens opgeroep is.

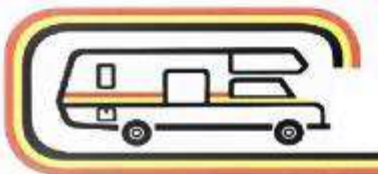
While the year is drawing towards it's end, live your life to the fullest as we do not know when will be our last day on mother earth. This is the festive season, enjoy the time with friends and family and remember to celebrate the birth of your saviour, we are a diverse community of campers who respect each other's beliefs and convictions.

Madelein and I send you our warmest greetings, full of best wishes for you and your family. May the festive season bring you health, love, prosperity and peace. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Happiness is not a day, a week, nor a month, but a frame of mind.*

Groete

Willie van Heusden  
Nasionale Voorsitter



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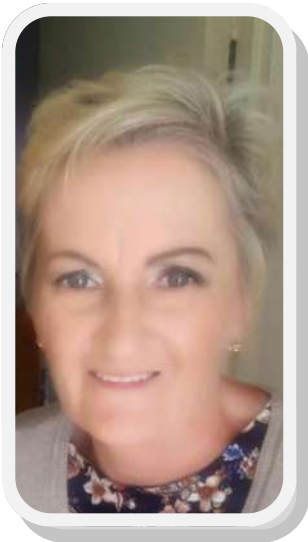
## OBITUARY

### ANN BOUCHER

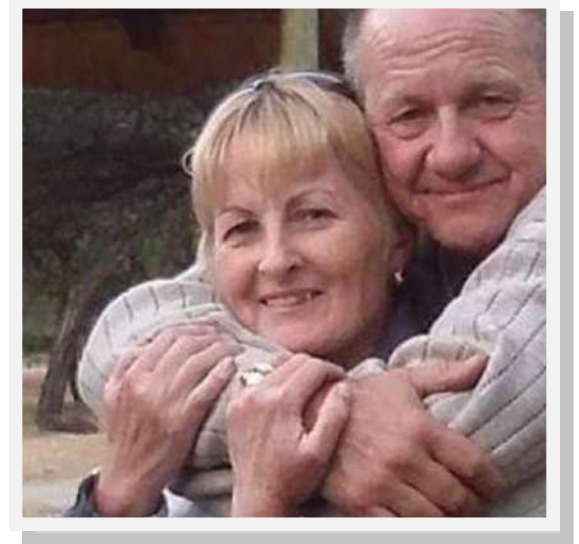
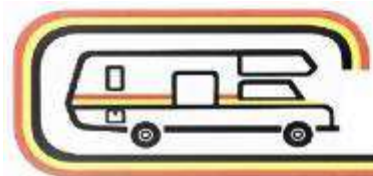
(Northvaal Region)

You came into my life when I really needed someone special. You accepted an instant young family and made it your own and raised all my children under sometimes difficult circumstances. My Babes you stood by me through whatever we went through, you brought calm into our lives, you made it so easy for me to love you. Although I miss you so painfully I am grateful for the loving relationship we had, from our just sitting and chatting and teasing each other and laughing. Our camping experiences, our cycling together and our dancing we so enjoyed, I am so grateful. I have all those sweet loving memories to hold on to, to take me forward, you

made it so easy for me to love you. When your health started to wane I knew I could cling onto the love and the memories to get us through it. Though at times it wasn't easy we had our vows till death us do part and your love made it easy for me to see it through. You made it so easy for me to love you. I miss you so much but I am blessed to have had you in my life. I will Love you forever. Until we meet again RIP my Babes.



We are sad to announce the passing of Ann Boucher. Ann went in hospital in the loving arms of her husband Alan on 11 September 2023 at age 65. Ann is survived by her husband Alan Boucher, Daughter Anne Fourie, Son Alan Boucher, (Daughter Angelique Dednam who sadly passed away a month after her mommy Ann on 12 October 2023, after fighting cancer for almost a year.)





## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome all new members to the Motorhome Club of South Africa, as at November 2023  
Ons verwelkom alle nuwe lede tot die Motorwoonwa Klub van Suid-Afrika, soos op November 2023



### **EASTERN CAPE**

KLEYN, Gys & Patricia  
MEINTJIES, Ralph & Chrystal  
PENNIALL, Tony & Ria  
PRINSLOO, Chris & Corrie

### **FREE STATE**

BEZEMER, Marietjie & Damme  
MAREE, Christiaan & Amanda  
MULLER, Nellis & Ria  
MULLER, Shane & Sandy

### **GARDEN ROUTE**

PELSER, Neil & Sandra  
COETZEE, Dirk

### **NORTHVAAL**

DE VILLIERS, Louis & Trish  
DU TOIT, Santa  
DUNCAN, Alan & Liezl  
FOURIE, Doc  
NIELSON, Ginny & Raymond  
SMIT, Dreyer & Merinda  
SMITH, Lawrence & Estelle  
STOLS, Bert & Elbie  
WEPENER, Juan & Zenobia

### **KWAZULU-NATAL**

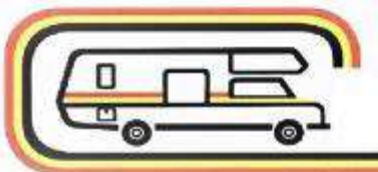
SMIT, Martin & Pricilla

### **OTHER- AUSTRALIA**

BEASLEY, Derik & Sally

### **WESTERN CAPE**

BANKS, Jeanine & Peter Dillen  
ELSTEEN, Annelize & Kallie le Roux  
LOTZ, Thinus & Ricky  
MALAN, Chris & Anita  
VAN WYK, Kobus & Julanda van der Merwe



# INFORMATION CENTRE (1)



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOTORHOME CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA

### HELD AT DUBE GAME RESERVE – BRITS NORTH WEST

#### 1. Welcome

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and in particular to the Regional Chairman, 4 Regions were present. There were 65 motorhomes at the AGM but only 62 remained for the AGM.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

Attendance as per register

Proxies

26 (twenty-six) proxies were received.

Apologies received:

Johan Garun

Miles & Letitia O'Reilly

Ron & Bryony Downs

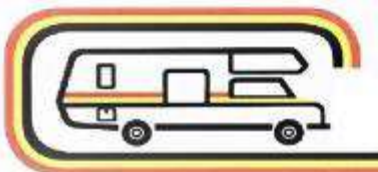
Cas Esterhuizen

Lampies Lambrecht

Tony & Bets Truman

Louis & Moira Freiss

Pieter & Riana Diddloff



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**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND OPENING OF MEETING**

After confirming that due notice of the meeting had been given and that the quorum of a minimum of 10 members in good standing were present, the Chairman declared the meeting open.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GARIEP 30.10.2021.**

These minutes were published in the 4th issue of the Motorhomer in 2022. No amendments were required and were accepted as an accurate recording of the meeting.

Proposer: Athna De Jager

Seconded: Tim Swanepoel

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Membership Fee increase – it was unanimous that no increase will be implemented.

**6. CHAIRMAN REPORT 2022-2023 GM DUBE 21 OCTOBER 2023**

Welcome to all present at this our 39<sup>th</sup> AGM of the MCSA. Our previous AGM was held a year ago at Kaia Manzi, it feels like yesterday, time really flies, and I wish we could slow it down.

We are fortunate to have 4 of our regions represented at the AGM, especially Ralph Jackson our National Vice Chairman and Athna de Jager the Western Cape Region Chairman. They both travelled 1,500 km from Cape Town and I feel they deserve applause for their effort. Also present are the regional chairman from Northvaal Karl Leimecke, Mpumalanga Christo de Bruyn and Free State Johan Oosthuizen.

Financially our National and Regional affairs are in a strong position, thank you to Marius Kruger National Treasurer and all our regional treasurers.

Our club membership reached a high of 850 members during May-June of this year, but after yearend audit at the end of June 2023 there were 838 paid up members for the following year. This number represents an increase of 40 members on the previous year-end figures and equates to a 5% growth for the club.

There were many successful rallies held during the past year as well as the Northern and Southern Rallies in the first quarter of 2023, they were both well attended and to all accounts very enjoyable. Northvaal has also introduced successful Midweek Rallies during 2023 and I hope this trend will also spread to our other regions. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally will take place from 16 to 21 October 2024 at the Gariiep Forever Resort.





Our website and Facebook pages are running smoothly, thanks to Sandy Morton and Nowell Griffen. The quarterly Motorhomer Magazine under our competent editor Maryna Kruger is well received and every edition is eagerly anticipated for by our members. Thank you to these three members for all the effort and time put into these informative platforms.

I want to thank our National Committee for their support and hard work put into the club the past year. Lastly the most important member of the team and unsung hero, our National Secretary Sonja Otto, being the gel that keeps every aspect of the club together.

Finally, I wish all our members a pleasant year ahead, may you cover many safe kilometers to rallies and endeavor to also attend other regional rallies, may this year build up to a great 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

Willie van Heusden  
National Chairman



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7. TRESURERS REPORT (Presented by Marius Kruger)



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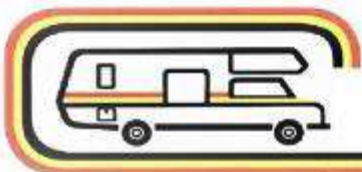
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Eastern Cape	85	69	16
FreeState	53	47	6
Garden Route	62	62	0
KZN	72	64	8
Mpumalanga	71	71	0
Northvaal	306	305	1
Western Cape	182	169	13
Complimentary	6	8	-2
Other	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>42</b>
Current Membership 12/10/2022	785		
Unpaid	8		

New Members  
142  
Resigned  
100  
Change  
42



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# MEMBERSHIP

Reason for termination	
Unhappy with club	2
Sold Motorhome	50
No Subs paid	6
Not using M/H	2
No time for rallies	1
Deceased	12
Financial Constraints	1
Ill Health	4
Immigrated	5
Never bought M/H	1
Stolen	1
No Reason provided	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



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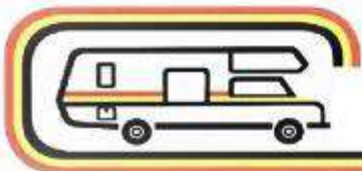
# REGIONAL AFS

Region	Eastern Cape	Freestate	Garden Route	KZN
Income	27 080,74	34 493,04	57 654,37	29 297,30
Expenditure	23 040,93	36 402,15	56 294,73	23 772,48
Net Surplus	4 039,81	-1 909,11	1 359,64	5 524,82
Surplus at Beginning	25 594,97	11 528,11	29 648,99	19 881,65
Surplus at end	29 634,78	9 619,00	31 008,63	25 406,47
Assets	29 634,78	18 279,00	31 008,63	25 406,47
Liabilities	0,00	8 660,00	0,00	0,00
Net Assets	29 634,78	9 619,00	31 008,63	25 406,47
Accumulated Funds	29 634,78	9 619,00	31 008,63	25 406,47



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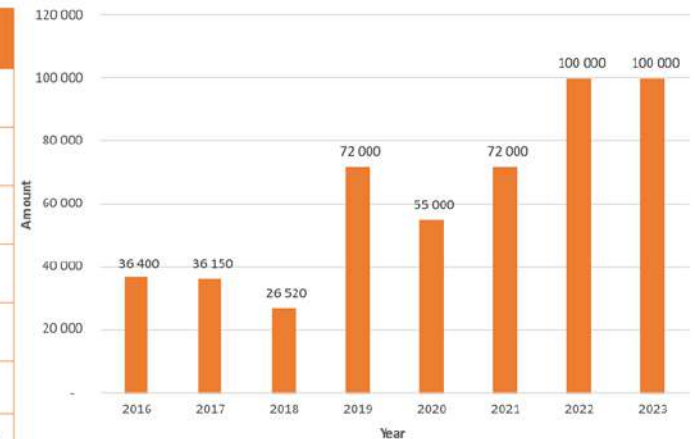
## REGIONAL AFS

Region	Mpumalanga	Northvaal	Western Cape	Total
Income	14 727,88	332 074,18	164 362,15	659 689,66
Expenditure	11 764,51	323 591,17	179 447,68	654 313,65
Net Surplus	2 963,37	8 483,01	-15 085,53	5 376,01
Surplus at Beginning	38 668,15	44 829,18	53 403,78	223 554,83
Surplus at end	41 631,52	53 312,19	38 318,25	228 930,84
Assets	66 542,82	130 068,08	35 092,25	336 032,03
Liabilities	24 911,30	76 755,89	-3 226,00	107 101,19
Net Assets	41 631,52	53 312,19	38 318,25	228 930,84
Accumulated Funds	41 631,52	53 312,19	38 318,25	228 930,84



## CAPITATION PAID

Year	Amount
2016	36 400
2017	36 150
2018	26 520
2019	72 000
2020	55 000
2021	72 000
2022	100 000
2023	100 000



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# INCOME STATEMENT

Income	2023	2022
Membership Fees	229 559,00	212 518,00
Joining Fees	36 750,00	29 750,00
Interest Received	18 041,33	6 736,91
Advertising Fees Received	4 500,00	8 640,00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>288 850,33</b>	<b>257 644,91</b>



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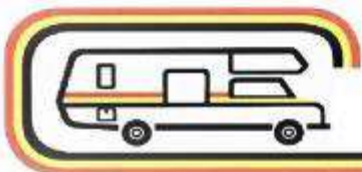
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Expenditure	2023	2022
Capitation Fees Paid	100 000,00	100 000,00
National Rally (Gariiep)	0,00	76 597,22
National Rally Accrual 40th	66 000,00	70 000,00
Convergence Rallies	73 000,00	60 380,06
Bank Charges	1 522,18	1 523,66
Computer Expenses	9 799,00	1 299,99
Secretarial and Telephone	2 438,43	3 188,00
Web Hosting	3 509,47	6 089,00



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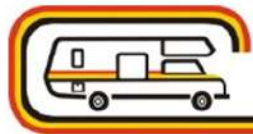






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Expenditure	2023	2022
Honorarium	12 000,00	0,00
National Committee Travel Allowance	7 500,00	0,00
Audit Fees	2 721,64	3 123,43
Postage	1 157,81	4 275,95
Printing	3 071,65	0,00
Milestone Tokens and name tags	4 167,99	0,00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>286 888,17</b>	<b>327 575,31</b>



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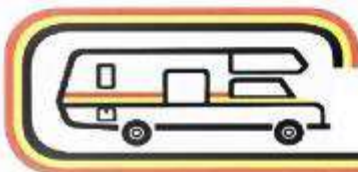
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Retained Excess	2023	2022
For the Year	1 962,16	-69 930,40
Beginning of the Year	75 669,48	145 599,88
Retained Excess Income over Expenditure as at Current Year end	<b>77 631,65</b>	<b>75 669,48</b>



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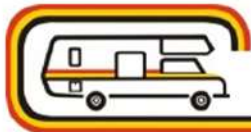
# BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2023	2022
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>420 686,65</b>	<b>362 320,48</b>
Cash in Bank	13 890,53	5 465,69
Call Account	406 796,12	356 854,79
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>343 055,00</b>	<b>286 651,00</b>
Advance Receipts	90 255,00	99 851,00
Audit Fee	2 800,00	2 800,00
Other Accruals	250 000,00	184 000,00
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>77 631,65</b>	<b>75 669,48</b>

# BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2023	2022
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>77 631,65</b>	<b>75 669,48</b>

Liabilities	2023	2022
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>77 631,65</b>	<b>75 669,48</b>
<b>Total Retained Excess</b>	<b>77 631,65</b>	<b>75 669,48</b>



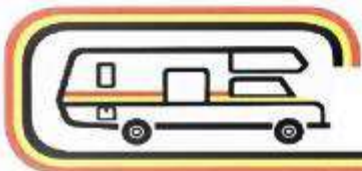
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# BUDGET 2024

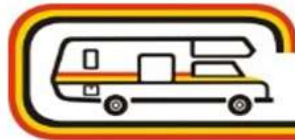
OPENING BALANCE		EXPENDITURE	Amount
<b>77 631,65</b>		Capitation Fees to Regions	110 000,00
		Convergence Rally 2024	0,00
		National Winter Tour (Tshipise)	3 500,00
		AGM Expenses (Travel)	20 000,00
		Bank Charges	1 600,00
		Computer Expenses	9 300,00
		Stationary & Consumables	1 500,00
		Secretarial Expenses	3 000,00
		Web Hosting	1 000,00
		National Committee Communications	0,00
		Milestone Tokens and name tags	5 000,00
		Audit Fees	3 080,00
		Honorarium	15 000,00
		Postage & Printing	5 000,00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>177 980,00</b>

INCOME	Amount
Membership Fees	231 000,00
Joining fees	12 500,00
Interest	13 000,00
Advertising Fees	4 500,00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>261 000,00</b>

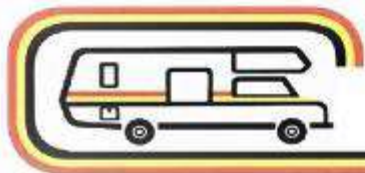
  

SURPLUS
<b>160 651,65</b>



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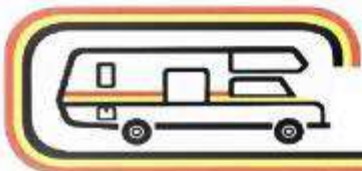
# CAPITATION 2023

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Dividend</b>	
				R
	R 110 000,00	R 3 300,00	104,57	
	<b>Registered members</b>	<b>Base</b>		
	<b>total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Per member</b>	<b>Total Capitation</b>
Northvaal	306	R 3 300,00	R 31 999,28	R 35 299,28
Mpumalanga	71	R 3 300,00	R 7 424,67	R 10 724,67
Freestate	53	R 3 300,00	R 5 542,36	R 8 842,36
KZN	72	R 3 300,00	R 7 529,24	R 10 829,24
Eastern Cape	85	R 3 300,00	R 8 888,69	R 12 188,69
Garden Route	62	R 3 300,00	R 6 483,51	R 9 783,51
Western Cape	182	R 3 300,00	R 19 032,25	R 22 332,25
	<b>831</b>	<b>R 23 100,00</b>	<b>R 86 900,00</b>	<b>R 110 000,00</b>



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## NOTES / REQUESTS

- 1) Please refrain from making cash deposits as there are additional banking fees.
- 2) Please ensure that you use your surname and invite code as reference for regional payments (Northvaal, Freestate etc.) and your club member number (xxxx/xxxx) for annual subscription fees
- 3) Please ensure that you pay into correct account. Regional fee in Regional account (correct region) and annual subscription in National account
- 4) Please pay correct amount



The National & Gariep Budget was approved.

Approved: Athna de Jager      Seconded: Nowell Grifen

No other comments were raised from the floor and the financials were accepted.

Proposed: Ralph Jackson      Seconded: Christo de Bruyn



**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ratification of annual subs will remain at R275.00 p.a.

Pets – it was decided in a previous chairman’s meeting that if pets are brought to rallies, they must be on a leash and if not on a leash they must be in an enclosure, also take along a poop scoop to clean up after your pets.

A recognition for exceptional service plate discussed for resorts who give the club exceptional service. This will be discussed further in the next national chairman’s meeting.

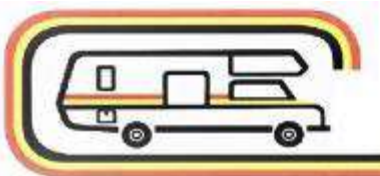
**9. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.**

The Constitution required the election of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The Regional Chairpersons were automatically members of the National Committee.

The Chairman called on Eddie Fourie to officiate over the elections.

The following persons were elected and accepted.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
Chairman	Willie van Heusden
Secretary	Sonja Otto
Treasurer	Marius Kruger
Vice Chairman	Ralph Jackson
Additional Member	Tim Swanepoel





## 10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The current auditor Mr Tony Lund. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant of Lund & Kieck, Registered Auditors & Tax Consultants).

Proposed: Ralph Jackson

Seconded: Nowell Griffen

## 11. CONFIRMATION OF THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS

The current official address, has been changed to 710 Esther Street, Garsfontein, Pretoria, 0081

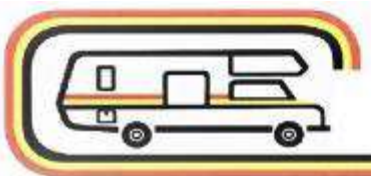
## 12. REPORT BY INSURANCE BROKERS

Shanon Labushagne from Garrun Group presented the insurance report.

### Current Stats:

- 597 policies (monthly & annual).
- R4.3 million total annual premium.
- 86 claims submitted, average of +/- 7 per month.
- Claims consist of:
  - 15 Storm damages - R435 000
  - 23 Motor accidents - R541 000
  - 24 Windscreens - R73 600
  - 6 Burst geysers - R73 000
  - 6 Power surges - R82 000
  - 1 Fire damage - R12 500
  - 1 Theft - R15 000
  - TOTAL - R1 232 100

Loss ratio currently @ 29%.





## Changes to Motorhome Policy Wording, Limits and Excesses:

We keep a sharp eye on claims and where we find the cover offered not to be enough, this was one of the big reasons for the changes made to the policy wording from this year's renewal on 1 October 2023.

Contents cover was previously limited to R30 000 with an item limit of R2 500, we have now increased this to R50 000 with NO item limit. Let's be honest, what can you really replace with R2 500?

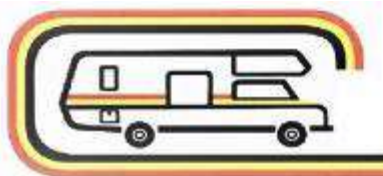
There was previously no cover for:

- Contents in the open if lost, stolen or damaged by a covered event.
- Contents taken out of main residence for motorhome while camping.
- Vet costs.
- Hole-in-one in amateur golf game.
- Loss or damage caused by wild animals.
- Power surge.



## Cover is now included up to:

- Contents in the open if lost, stolen or damaged by a covered event **R5 000**
- Contents taken out of main residence for motorhome while camping **R5 000**
- Vet costs **R4 000**
- Hole-in-one in amateur golf game **R1 000**
- Loss or damage caused by wild animals **R5 000**
- Power surge **R10 000**
- Increased power surge cover is available at additional premium **R30 000**





# Excesses

Of course, this could not have come without the increases in excesses.

Under 60:

- Basic - From R750 - To R1 250
- Theft/Hijack - From R750 - To R5 000

Under 60:

- Basic - Remains Nil
- Theft/Hijack - From Nil - R5 000

Liability remains Nil.



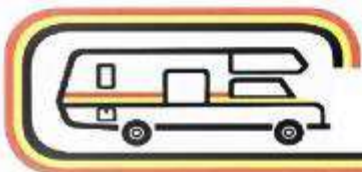
## Increase in premium for Assist:

Increased from R10 to R40 from 1 July 2023 and this is because the Assist services are provided by an external service provider, Global Choices, who has also been forced to increase premium due to the increase in cost of fuel, storage fees, their own insurance, our dear friend inflation, etc.

This is not at all compulsory and you can choose to remove this from your policy.

But please, if you do remove the Assist we cannot pay for:

- Patrol Assistance - if you have a flat battery, flat tyre, run out of fuel or need to send urgent message.
- A locksmith - if you lock your keys in the Motorhome.
- Mechanical & Electrical breakdown.
- Accidents.
- Roadside & Stock Security Guard.
- Courtesy transport (within 100km).
- Hotel accommodation.
- Car rental.
- Vehicle repatriation.
- Family run.





### 13. GENERAL

Nothing was raised under general.

### 14. CLOSURE

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their presence and declared the meeting closed.



## INFORMATION CENTRE (2)

### A GOOD EXPERIENCE WITH GARRUN

On our way back from the Jimny Rally in Clarens on 25 September 2023, it happened...

The one thing that all motorhome owners dread. A complete blow-out tyre. Left back wheel. Luckily it happened on a straight section of the road between Bethlehem and Reitz. We had two 6 tonne hydraulic jacks with us and equipped to change the tyre ... so we thought.

It turned out impossible with the standard wheel spanner we had with us, to undo the nuts on the wheel. Some friendly Jimny owners stopped to assist, but without any success.

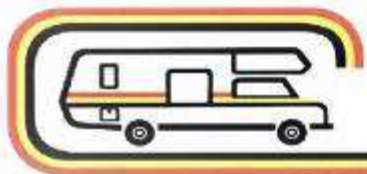
That is when we phoned our friends at Garrun, on Sonja and Hansie's recommendation. After a quick verification of ID numbers, they arranged a technical support team from Bethlehem. At their arrival they took charge of everything and we were fit to get back on the road in no time. Very professional service, with the appropriate equipment to do the job.

While we were waiting for the breakdown contractor to arrive, the friendly staff at Garrun phoned us twice to enquire on our safety, also offering to arrange security.

We were very impressed by the service we received from Garrun. They took care of the cost of the technical service and put us back on the road with the reassurance that they care about us.

Thank you very much, Garrun, for your assistance and care!

Dawid & Elmarié Mouton



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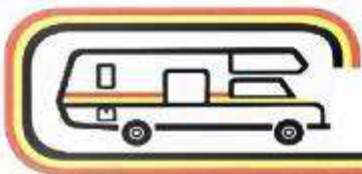
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# REGIONAL REPORTS

## EASTERN CAPE REGION

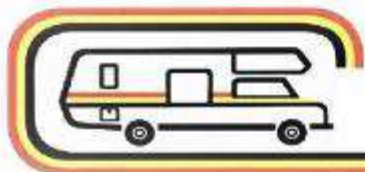


### **PINE LODGE (20 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2023) - AGM**

23 Motorhomes Attended. **FRIDAY AFTERNOON – MEET & GREET**

We had a hall available for the gatherings over the weekend, however we were blessed with good weather until Sunday morning.

Ons het almal vanaf 17:30 in die saal bymekaar gekom. Andre vd Merwe het die naweek geopen met skriflesing en gebed. Pieter Didloff het almal verwelkom en die res van die naweek se program bevestig. The braaivleis fires were lighted outside for the Bring & Braai. The club sponsored the wood for the fires. Thankyou to the ladies who contributed the salads.



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Congratulations to the following members that celebrated their Birthdays during September:



**Denise Redelinghuys**



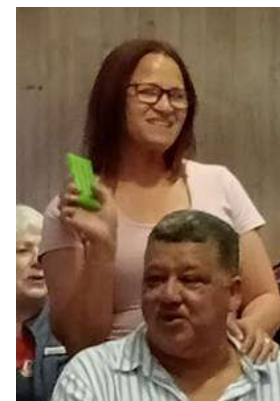
**Wendy Reeves**



**Ronnie Meintjes**



**Riana Didloff**



**Crystal Meintjes**



**Pierre Gerber**

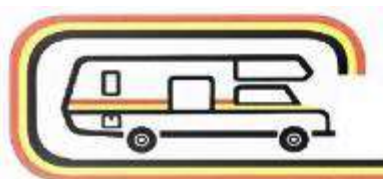
Welcome to the new members at our Region:



**Ralph & Crystal Meintjes**



**Evert & Bonita Barnard**



Rally Milestones :



Vaughn & Elaine Pakes moved from the Northvaal Region  
Achieving the First milestone for attending their 25<sup>th</sup> rally

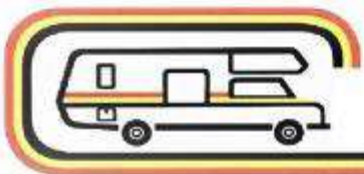


Welkom terug !  
Arno & Linda Strydom

Chairman's Tea

**Saterdag-oggend 11:00**

Soos altyd, was die tafels volgepak met die heerlikste eetgoed. Dankie aan elkeen vir hul bydrae.



Saterdag-middag Ontspanning:



Met Elize se sterk leierskap het sy seker gemaak haar span wen die



Line dancing lessons

AGM – Saturday 16:00

Die Algemene Jaarvergadering (*bevestiging dat daar 'n kworum teenwoordig is*) het volgens die Agenda plaasgevind.

**Baie geluk aan die volgende persone wat almal herverkies is op die komitee vir 2024:**

*Chairman* - Pieter Didloff

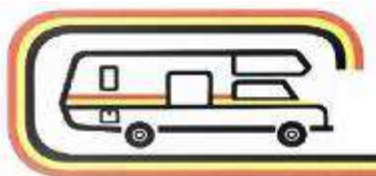
*Vice Chairperson* - Wendy Reeves

*Secretary* - Riana Didloff

*Treasurer* - Willem Knoesen

*Additional Members* - Mike Barret & Callie Bosch

*Auditor* - Annett Ferreira



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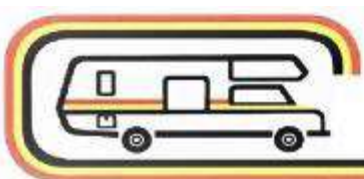
Presentation of the "SPOON"

Pieter oorhandig die lepel aan Marlene Bosch en Jenny le Roux

Rede: Almal moet altyd wag vir hulle voordat vergaderings kan begin...

hulle was darem betyds vir hierdie AGM !!

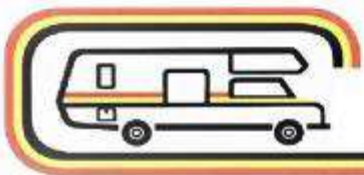
Saterdag aand gees vang voor die Springbok rugby. 'n "Pool" is geskep om die telling te skat. Die klub het worsbroodjies en Chips voorsien!



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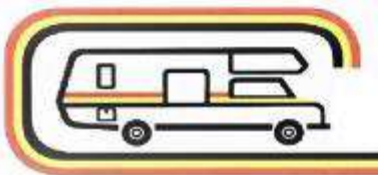
Fancy Dress ....



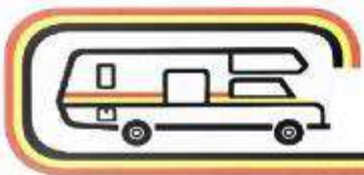
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Winners:



Some of the Lucky Draw winners—Thank you to everyone who sponsored a prize !!



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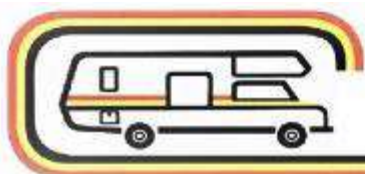
## **VAN STADENS RIVER (20 - 22 OCTOBER 2023)**

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON – MEET & GREET (22 Motorhomes Attended)**

Daar is baie reën voorspel vir Vrydag en Saterdag by Van Stadens Rivier Mond.

Dankie aan die ouens wat bereid was om die sleepwa te sleep met die Gazebo's. Pieter sou eers so 5 uur kon ry. Die miswolke en fyn reën het oor die kampterrein inbeweeg en die Gazebo's het perfekte beskerming gebied teen die onguere weer.

Everybody gathered in the Gazebo area, bringing their own drinks and meat for the Bring & Braai. Daryl Anderson opened with scripture and prayer. Pieter Didloff welcomed all present.



## Oktober verjaarsdae

Baie geluk aan Cyril Henstock en Adele Strydom wat by die rally teenwoordig was en wat hul verjaarsdae gedurende Oktober vier  
Ook geluk aan oom Hennie Kommer wat ook in Oktober verjaar

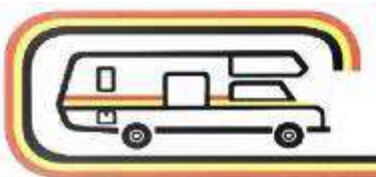


## Rally Milestone

Chris Schutte - Congratulations for achieving the fifth milestone for attending his 125<sup>th</sup> rally

## Bring & Braai

The rainy weather did no stop us to braai outside. The fires were lighted and a big discussion point was the semi-final game of the Rugby World Cup with South Africa playing England.



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Reën en warm kole keer nie die kaalvoet loop nie



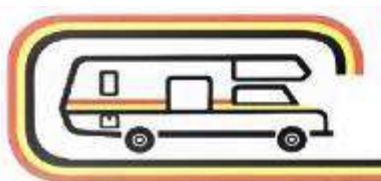
Wendy Reeves and a sub committee are currently busy to draw up the 2024 yearplan. As soon as the main committee approve the dates and venues, it will be communicated to everyone



### Chairman's Tea

Saterdag-oggend 11:00

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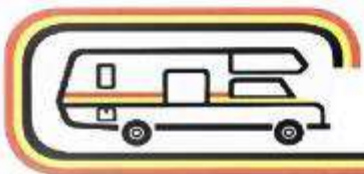


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'n Foto vertel 'n duisend woorde....

Hierdie is wat elke rally spesiaal maak !!





### Komitee vergadering

Van die komitee lede teenwoordig, het vergader.

Terugvoer is aan lede gegee oor onder andere die finale datum vir die Kersfunksie in November en die Klub borg een uit die 2 etes vir elke 'couple' wat die rally bywoon.

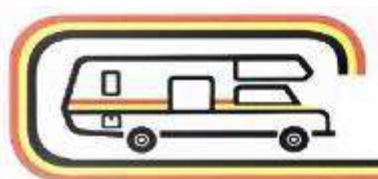
### Saturday Evening

The Game is On - Springboks against England in Rugby World Cup Semi Final

What a nail biting game, Springbok We won by 1 point ... sjoe ....



Springbok "support"  
vanuit  
Frankryk



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## SONDAG OGGEND

Die son skyn en almal stem saam dat dit weereens 'n baie suksesvolle rallie was.



### SPOON PRESENTATION

Thankyou to Daryl Anderson who donated a spoon trophy for the monthly “stirrer”. A secret panel of judges will select a person at each rally who will receive the spoon. At the end of the year one of the monthly “stirrers” will be nominated, who will receive the BIG ANNUAL spoon.

Marlene & Jenny is our current BIG ANNUAL SPOON holders.

After consideration ... the spoon for the Van Stadens River Mouth rally of October 2023 is presented to:

Adele Strydom – waarom? Vir wie het sy moeilikheid gegee die naweek – Vir ALMAL??



## GAMTOOS FERRY HOTEL (10 - 12 NOVEMBER 2023) - CHRISTMAS RALLY

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON – MEET & GREET (26 Motorhomes Attended)

Some of our members arrived on Thursday at Ferry Hotel Campsite. Most of the motorhomes arrived from Friday Morning in a very hot and sunny day. Everyone was looking for shelter under the shady trees.

Gazebo opslaan begin later Vrydag middag. Wonder hoeveel manne & vroue was nodig om die gazebos op te slaan?

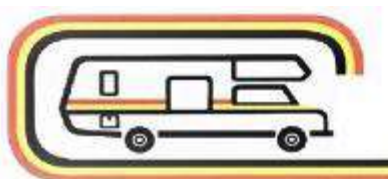
Maar BAIE DANKIE aan elkeen. Dit was sommer tjoef-tjaf toe is die gazebo's reg vir kuier !!



After the gazebo's were done, Wendy arrived with the Special Christmas Tree. We all were very excited to find our picture on the tree. This was a very special initiative, Thankyou to Wendy.

Die manne het die vure begin aansteek vir Vrydag-aand se Bring-&-Braai.

Terwyl daar vuur gemaak word, word die sonsondergang oor die Gamtoos geniet.



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## MEET & GREET



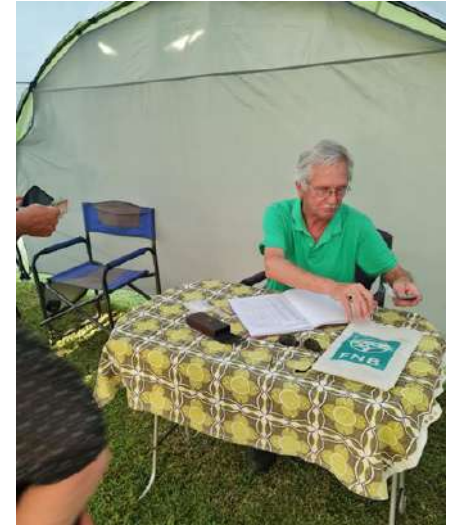
Appreciation to our committee for the arrangements to make this rally a big success. Riana for thinking of all the small things & detail. Willem for collecting the money and handing out the tokens.

HARTLIKE WELKOM VAN ONS VOORSITTER

Pieter is ons Kamp Kommandant

Hy het almal teenwoordig verwelkom en die volgende oorhandigings gedoen:

(PS!... dankie aan Peet en Adele vir die oorhandiging van die spesiale hempies aan Pieter & Riana)



## NOVEMBER & DESEMBER VERJAARSDAE



Peet Strydom



Willem Knoezen



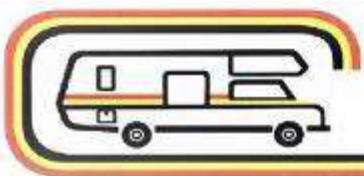
Leon Ferreira



Randy Meintjes



Mike Barrett



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Jenny le Roux



Andre vd Merwe



Mac McLaren



Dorette vd Bergh



Yolanda Maartens

**RALLY MILESTONES**



John & Glenise Howard

75th Rally



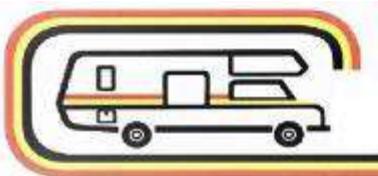
Joseph & Jenny le Roux

50th Rally



Callie & Marlene Bosch

50th Rally





Christmas Lights  
Go BIG or Go home  
'n Skouspel van liggies

Welkom aan nuwe lede en besoekers



Ed Grosvenor from KZN



Chris & Ina Vermeulen



**CHAIRMAN'S TEA** -Saterdag-oggend 11:00

Wind waai vanoggend maar ons kuier saam onder die Gazebo's.

Tafels vol van die heerlikste eetgoed, dankie vir elkeen se bydrae



Eet ...Eet ... en Eet



Ons speel Boules



### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

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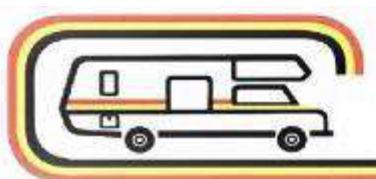
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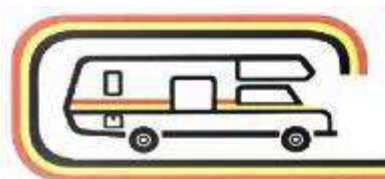
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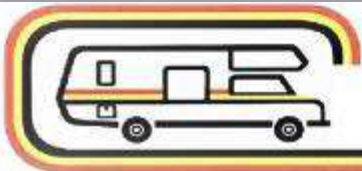
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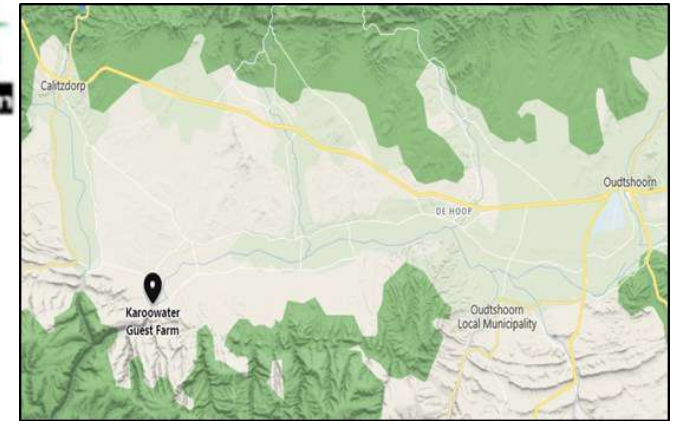


# GARDEN ROUTE REGION

KAROOWATER - CALITZDORP (24 -27 AUGUST 2023)



Verslae deur Uli Glatz

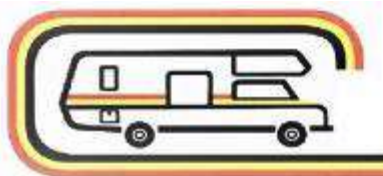


Karooowater is 'n Gasteplaas, geleë in die Olifantsrivier Rivier Vallei net sowat 25km buitekant Calitzdorp. Calitzdorp Spa is 'n Regerings gedrewe oord met 'n warmwaterbron.

Karooowater Gasteplaas het waterregte tot daardie bron.

Dus is daar ook 'n warm water swembad op dié gasteplaas. Net dié ding is vir 'n winter Rally.

Karooowater is een van die Tuinroete se gunsteling kampplekke, dus is dit gekies as venue vir die Augustus rally, aangesien dit eintlik nog winter is, hier in die Tuinroete. Hoekom nie 'n warmwater bron lê, totdat jy "geel" en verrimpeld is nie?

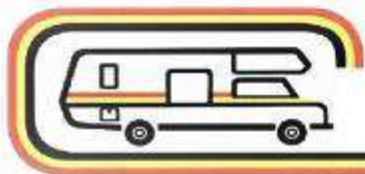


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Op 24 Augustus trek 10 RV's laer op dié gesogte kampeerterrein. Dis koud en nat, maar niks kry die Tuin Roete Streek onder nie. Die "Dome Tent" word opgeslaan en daar word gekuier en gebraai.

Die aand is daar tradisionele Duitse Glühwein voorberei en gedrink....om die bloedsomloop reg te kry.



Vrydag word daar besoek afgelê by die Calitzdorp Spa (direk langs Karoowater)

Die span is "Dapper Stapper" die pad af tot by die Bron, waar die Bestuurder die besonderhede verduidelik het. Ons het ook na die Oord se geriewe gaan kyk.

Saterdagoggend is daar met entoesiame speletjies gespeel....want daar moet ge oefen word vir die volgende Groot Saamtrek wat om die draai is....2024!



Saterdagmiddag het die Uwe gereël dat ons by Graham se TTT Cellar draai om al die bekende Calitzdorp Wyne en Port te proe. En was daardié gemengde "Platters", wat saam bedien is, nie lekker nie!



## BLOMMETOER - NAMAKWALAND (27 AUGUST - 7 SEPTEMBER 2023)

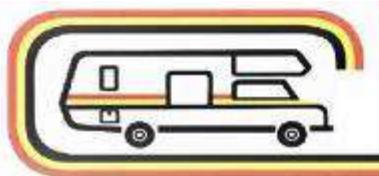
Ons ry al met die R62 rigting Barrydale. Daar word “pitstop” gemaak by die sogenaamde “Best Milkshake in SA”. (Sommiges lyk maar net’n bietjie asof hul deur die Glühwein meegesleur is.)



Sondagoggend, 27 Augustus 2023, terwyl sommige nog lekker inlê by Karoo Water, het vier van die RV's vroeg-vroeg al gewoel. **Hoekom** ? .... “vandag vertrek hul op die Blommeteroer na die Weskus”. 08h30 was vertrek tyd.

Die 4 RV's is saam-saam al langs die R62 na Montagu Munisipale Kampeerterrein toe.

Die kampeerterrein is in die dorp. Die fasiliteite was uitstekend.



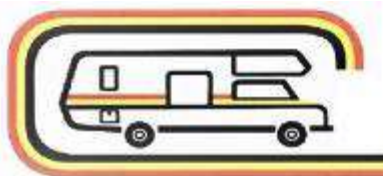
Daar is 'n warmwater swembad en 'n mens kon rondom die plaasdam stap, waar ons gesien het hoe 'n Kaalwangvalk 'n wewernes beroof. Sommiges het ook geleer trekker ry.



Maandag is ons na die Montagu Droë Vrugte Winkel. Na die inkopies het ons buite 'n bietjie vertoef ... en ek is uitgedaag om die glybaan aan te durf...en daar is geskaterlag toe ek aan die onderkant aankom en sommer so tussen gras en plank neerslaan.

Maandag namiddag het nog 3 RV's by die Blommeter Groep aangesluit.

Gelukkig kon ons die saal se braaigeriewe gebruik. Dit was darem 'n bietjie warmer daar-binne.



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Dinsdag, die 29ste Augustus, is die Blommeter Groep via Robertson, Worcester, rigting Ceres na Moorreesburg (waar waterblommetjies gekoop is) na Langebaan.

Sommiges het 'n bietjie die pad byster geraak...vra die ou met die beach buggie!

Gelukkig was almal weer bymekaar, teen die tyd dat ons by Langebaan se Oostewal Kampeerterrein aangekom het.

Die aand is daar waterblommetjiepotjies voorberei, en het ons nie heerlik gesmul nie!

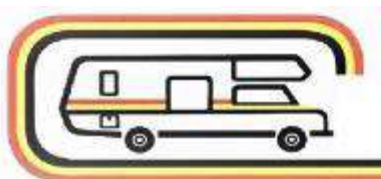


Dankie aan Jessie en deKlerk.



Woensdag, die 30ste Augustus is die klomp na West Coast National Park om blommetjies te kyk.

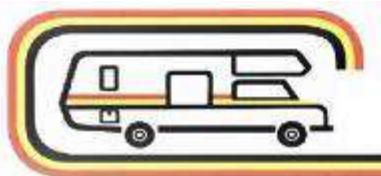
Dit was skouspelagtig, veld vol blommetjies so vêr die oog kan sien. Die kamera kon dit nie werklik vasvang nie.



Op Lentedag, 1 September 2023, is ses RV's toe na Kammieskroon in die Noordkaap, sowat 70km voor Springbok. Dis 'n lang trek van oor die 400km. Daar is nie baie stilgehou om blommetjies te kyk nie. Maar selftevrede en moeg kom die klompie by die karavaanpark aan. Dis koud in Kammieskroon. En daar word warmte gesoek om die braaivleisvuur.



Saterdag is die omgewing van Kammieskroon besoek. Blommetjies....blommetjies (wit, geel en oranje) orals waar die oog kyk.





Die aand is daar gesellig om die kampvuur gesels en gebraai. Iemand het die son gevang.

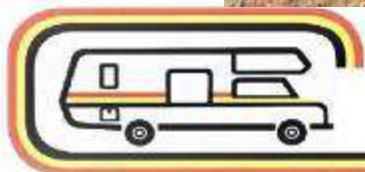


Maandag vertrek die klompie na Nieuwoudtville. Daar by die Blouhuis se kampeerterrein, waar daar baie beperkte hoeveelheid staanplekke is, moes die RV's inpas. Een RV hier en een RV daar. Die kampeerterrein was propvol.

Die volgende dag is die omgewing verken. Die blomme op 'n boer se plaas, die waterval en

kokerboomwoud net noord van Kammieskroon.

Die aand eet ons by die restaurant op die terrein. Die laaste aand het almal vir oulaas lekker om die vuur gebraai en gekuier. Op die 7de September het almal na 'n besonders suksesvolle 2023 Blommetoer gegroet en huistoe gekeer.



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## WOODBOURNE - KNYSNA (21 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Vir die September Rally is die Woodbourne Resort by Knysna gekies. Op pad na "The Heads" aan die linkerkant van die meer lê die oord. Dit is 'n vreeslike mooi plek met chalet's, log-homes en allerhande fasiliteite om dit vir die besoekers aantreklik te maak.

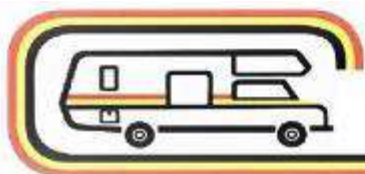


Op die sonnige Donderdag middag van 21 September 2023 trek 13 RV's van die tuinroete groep by die Woodbourne kampeerterrin in. Onder die bome word daar kamp opgeslaan. En daar word gekuier. Donderdag aand braai die spannetjie.

Vrydag is die Dames besig met kunswerke. En toe verander die weer! Dit trek toe en word koud. Maar dit sit nie die groep af nie om gesellig te kuier. Saterdag daag daar nog vier mense op om die vergadering by te woon. Dis mos Algemene Jaar Vergadering.

So....hoe meer siele teenwoordig... hoe beter die uitslag.

Die weer is onplessierig, maar almal spring in om te help met die voorbereiding van die AJV ontbyt.....



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.....en dan word daar gesmul....

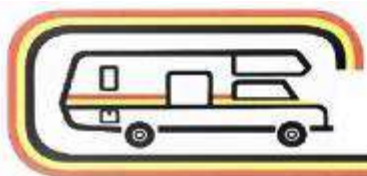


Tydens die AJV word al die formaliteite afgehandel en die bestuur word herverkies met slegs een addisionele lid.

### Tuinroete Streek 's Bestuur – 2023/2024



Na af loop van die jaarvergadering word daar haastig opgepak omdat daar bekommernis heers oor die weer wat opsteek en daar in die Tuinroete 'n vlak 9 waarskuwing uitgereik is.



## ATKV HARTENBOS (19 - 22 OCTOBER 2023)

15 Motorhomes het by die E-blok ATKV Hartenbos saamgetrek vir die naweek langs die see. Bietjie reën, meer wind, heelwat beurt-krag en baie pret, was die resepsie vir die naweek!

Hierdie karavaan park bied bo-gemiddelde, opgegradeerde ablusie geriewe. Ons was sò ingenome met die buitengewone standaard daarvan, dat ons aan hulle 'n MKSA Plaak van erkenning toegeken het.

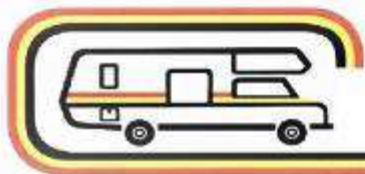
Die hooftema van hierdie naweek was Wêreldbeker rugby. Omdat beurtkrag hoogty gevier het, is besluit om geen kansen te waag nie! Ons het saamgespan en opgetrek na 'n privaat woning, waar ons verseker was dat sonkrag ons sal deurdra!

Daar is vroeg gebraai en toe die Franse uitdraf teen die Bokke het almal gereed gesit!

Welliswaar net met een punt, maar die oorwinning het soet gesmaak!!!



Sondag keer almal vol genoegdoening huiswaarts, met die vooruitsig van die week-lange laaste saamtrek van die jaar, by Die Punt, Mosselbaai in November





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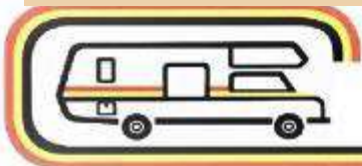
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### VILLA SPA (18 – 20 AUGUST 2023)

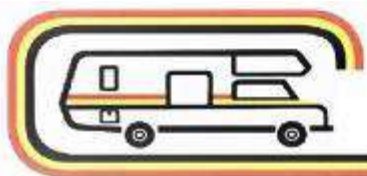
Report by Maxine Hunn



Villa Spa is a beautifully kept campsite on the South Coast and was a great venue for the KZN August rally. There were 10 motorhomes present which meant it was a nice and cosy group. Friday night kicked off with a Boerie evening hosted by Les and Bruce Galloway with delicious “sous” provided by Natalia and Danie Davel.



Saturday was a stunning day which saw many of the members heading towards The Terrace at the local nursery for a bite to eat during the morning. The afternoon was enjoyed on the grassy area amongst the motorhomes playing ladders. This is always a very social event but has a small element of competitiveness amongst the players. A round robin of sorts was played with Kevin being declared the afternoon’s winner.



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The day was concluded with a bring and braai at the boma. Before dinner, the formalities were taken care of with Ruby and Billy being awarded their 25<sup>th</sup> Rally Token and certificate. Les and Bruce as well as Mary Anne and Chris all received their MCSA name badges. These were all handed over very formally along with a little shooter to celebrate the occasion.

Sunday morning was once again a beautiful day and a few of the members took a stroll along the beach which was a hive of activity due to the waters being alive with grunter. The largest of which that was caught that morning weighing in at 10 kgs. Unfortunately, none of the M/H fishermen had brought their fishing tackle. I know of a certain regional chairman that would almost certainly not have missed out on such an opportunity.



Cheers Martin, Maxine, Les & Bruce



Name tags Chris & Mary Ann



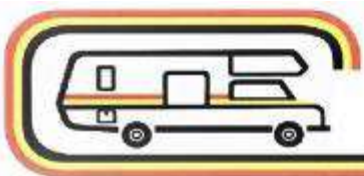
Billy & Ruby 25 Rallies



New Committee lady with tokens



Name tags Bruce & Les



Birthdays : Danie was celebrating his birthday later in August and spoilt us all with a delicious “tuis gebakte” melktert which he kindly shared the recipe for on our chat group.

Once again, the weekend was over far too soon. With motorhomes packed and goodbyes said, most of the motorhome family left before lunch and headed home. Another successful KZN rally.



Danie & Billy



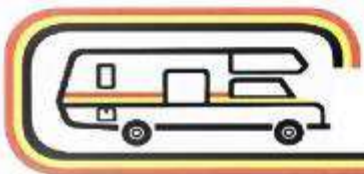
Martin working (as usual)



Rosmary's back!!



Bob & Vani





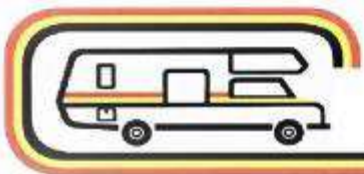
## **THE PONT (15 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2023)**

*Report by Belinda Skinner*

The Old Pont being fairly far down the South Coast led to many of us leaving home a few days early to make the trip worthwhile.

The weather was not always as kind as it could have been with the occasional high winds making it unpleasant out on the water. Gary and Martin attempted a bit of fishing out on their boats, with Billy getting the only spoils.

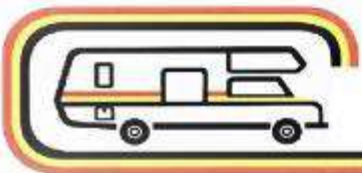
JJ and Juan joined us for the first time on a rally and we hope to see more of them. No lawn games were played but there was plenty of joviality, with quite some time spent in the local pub!



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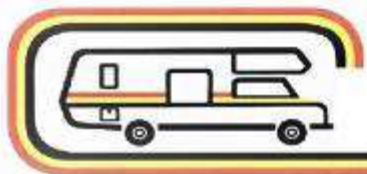
Vani and Bob were presented with their Certificate for attendance of 25 Rallies.



## **EAGLE VIEW MARBURG (20 – 22 OCTOBER 2023)**

*Report by Moira Friess*

The venue proved to be a pleasant surprise. Eagle View is situated in the Kzn Midlands, on the edge of the Valley of 1000 hills, close to Marburg (2.7km). It has immaculate level camp sites, clean modern ablutions. The tranquillity and solitude of Eagle View is overwhelming with spectacular views of the valley. Eagle View is a photographer's paradise, plenty of bird life and incredible views to get lost in. Walks and trails to the river and waterfalls in the area proved to be very scenic. Eagle View is a nature lover's paradise. The ablutions are wheelchair friendly. A venue that comes highly recommended.



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Friday 20th

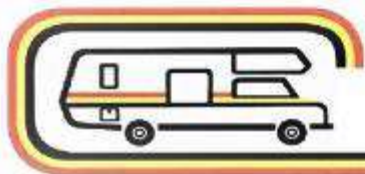
Louis welcomed all to the Rally weekend with a special word of welcome extended to Martin & Precilla Smit, from Newcastle to their first rally with us. Birthday greetings were extended to all members having birthdays during October.

This was followed by a well-planned, tasty Build a Burger meal, supplied and organised by Linda and Thys Ellis.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

A wonderful warm day, just the right weather to play all the lawn games that Thys and Linda set up for us. We played lawn games consisting of Ladders, Peg the Pin and Race your Frog. The frog race proved to be very entertaining! Later, a few members played Yatzee under the guidance of our Champion, Maxine Hunn and our newbie Precilla also being a master at this game. We now have a few more that can enjoy and play Yatzee!! Moira supplied crumpets for afternoon tea.

Saturday night we all moved up to the hall – (that had free wi-fi signal) and started to braai our meat etc, soon after moving up to the hall, the heavens opened and we had a huge downpour with small hail (which was deafening under the tiled roof). However, we still managed to braai our meat (inside the hall) and were thoroughly spoilt by the array of scrumptious salads as supplied by our members. It looked like a table at many a South African Christmas celebration. Well done to all.



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Thys and Linda had brought along some “minute to win it” games, but only one was played due to the deafening noise of the rain. “Swing the ball” with your hips and push the tin of tuna to the finish line with the ball tied to your hips, proved to be hilarious and not as easy as it looks!

As soon as the rain abated, we all moved off to our motorhomes to watch the much-anticipated Springboks vs England Game! We had to watch/listen to ours via the motorhome radio, as there was no electricity plus the electronic dish did not pick up signal!! What a nail-biting game it proved to be.

Sunday morning Devotions, led by Thero and Lynette, was held in the hall and all departed soon thereafter.

A wonderful weekend of fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all.



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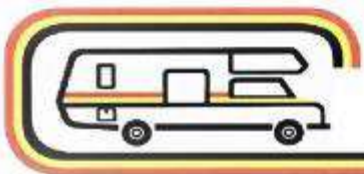
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# NORTHVAAL REGION

**KONGA (18 - 20 AUGUST 2023)**

*Report by Marsha Griffin*



In 1969, if NASA had used our GPS to plot their course for the Apollo 11 moon landing, they would probably still be floating around the universe somewhere. We had never been to Konka and had no idea how to get there but apparently, neither did our GPS. Half way to Sun City we realised something was seriously wrong. Fortunately Gill and Garth, already there, were able to send us a pin.

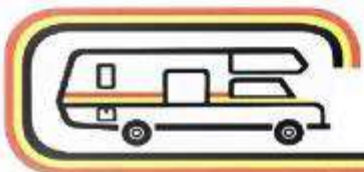
What an amazing place! The owners have spared no expence to make our stay as comfortable and as entertaining as possible. The campsite and stands are fully paved with plenty of grass inbetween. I was also especially thrilled to find that the private ablutions contained a bath as well as a shower. This meant I could relax without worrying that someone was beating a path outside the door.

We arrived Thursday morning to be greeted by the curious stares of two lionesses stretched out on a pile of sand. The resort has ten lions, males and females, housed in three very, very large enclosures. They made their presence felt and heard throughout the weekend. We were fortunate enough to see them fed as one of the local farmers had provided a carcass.

Only four vans arrived Thursday and after setting up, we spent the day chatting and braaing together.

Friday morning saw the arrival of a steady stream of motorhomes. The wind carried the sound of voices raised in greeting, competing with the shrill cry of the sparrow-weavers and the persistant call of the boubou.

On bended knee, men hurried to do their wives bidding (as our chairman Karel so aptly demonstrates) and while some settled quickly others required a bit more patience. Seasoned campers will understand perfectly!



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People were quick to take advantage of the welcome warm weather and groups could be seen sitting or standing around laughing and chatting. New members Philip and Ilse van der Merwe fitted in so well and were soon one of the crowd. Another new member Graham Witt arrived on his own as his wife Irene had to work. She followed later but in the meantime Graham kept himself occupied mingling or riding his snazzy little fold up motorized bike through the game reserve.

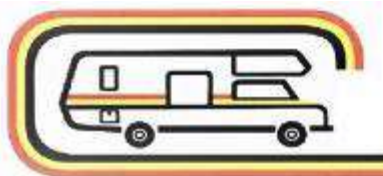
Soon it was time for “meet and greet” where members gather for drinks and the chairman shares relevant information. This was rather a special event as Ed Groves and Pieter Schutte both provided snacks and drinks to celebrate their 80th birthdays.

It was made especially memorable by the fact that the last time we saw Ed, he was being rushed to hospital because of continual blackouts and has subsequently had a pacemaker fitted as well as undergoing a knee replacement. All in the space of two months.



Pieter and Erina were blessed to celebrate his 80th together with their grandchildren and daughter Ilse from the USA who also attended the rally. Their son joined them the Sunday.

Joey and Hennie Moller were awarded a silver token in recognition of having attended 25 rallies. Well done!





Having already achieved their 25 rally milestone and been congratulated at a previous rally, Ed and Estelle were also handed their token.

The sun was high in the sky before the majority put in an appearance on Saturday. But then, that is what weekends are for. It wasn't long and people could be seen enjoying breakfast at the restaurant or setting out to explore the farm. One can walk, cycle or drive through the game reserve and there is a dam with two zip lines as well as canoes. Further up the mountain are two dormitories and a hall for youth camps. Apparently many schools and church groups make regular use of these. Because of the distance, one is almost unaware that they are there but many team building apparatus can be seen hidden among the trees and brush as well as obstacle courses. The one aptly named a mudsticle course.

No one was brave enough to try one of the three pools but come four o'clock just about everyone congregated at the bar area to watch the Boks beat Wales. You can imagine the celebrations around the communal camp fire that night!

Sunday morning devotions were led by Jay where he reminded us of the overwhelming, extravagant, love, mercy and grace of our God.

At chairmans tea everyone voted Konga a definite keeper while Erina and Elmarie shared the wooden spoon facing up. Erina for suggesting this venue and Elmarie for arriving on her own to see to our needs because David had to work late. We so appreciate her.

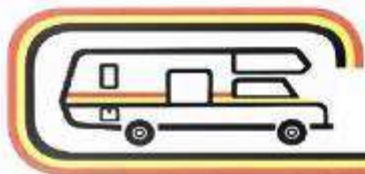
This was Hester Bezuidenhouts first rally since her narrow escape from death when she was shot in the shoulder while driving. She shared her harrowing experience that took place during a highspeed chase of security police and robbers. It was a miracle she was able to remain calm and drive herself to the hospital where she contacted Ben.

George van der Merwe shared that on this day, 19th August, thirty years ago he joined the motorhome club. I wonder if anyone else can remember the day they joined?



After tea people milled around as if loath to leave but eventually we all made our way to our vans except for those lucky few who were staying another night. Of course they had to rub it in by sending photos and a running commentary of their putt putt game.

As they say in Afrikaans "MÔRE IS NOG 'N DAG".



## KOKORIBA RESORT (10 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023) - MIDWEEK & WEEKEND

Report by Ari Korver

Unbelievable – our fourth midweek this year has come and gone. Sunday everyone arrived, all 10 motorhomers attending the rally until Friday, at their own time and found a spot, with the usual fun and disagreements of partners as to how the motorhome has to be parked and levelled, for the week.

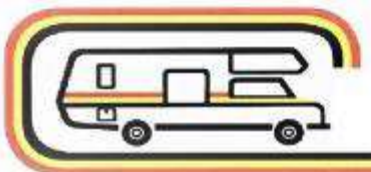


Late afternoon an informal get together was held to say hello and complete all the usual formalities. Due to an unforeseen administrative glitch no tokens for distribution were available nor achievement recognition certificates. Despite this Garth and Gill were congratulated on reaching their 75 rally target and I was given a chocolate by Nowell for having my birthday in September (the cheek!). Frida and Rob Greyling from the Eastern Cape were welcomed to our region rally and it was quickly recognised that they fit in with ease. Shows that we are one big family in South Africa and you can join any rally anywhere!

Fires were started shortly after the meet and greet with the opening game of the “Bokke” against Scotland starting at 18H00. A quick braai and everyone settled in at the bus from Garth and Gill who were kind enough to share their outside TV with all to experience the occasion and the “good” win.



Kokoriba resort has the Hornbill bird as their “sign” but the name means “Destiny, Luck and More Surprising Facts”. The resort definitely lives up to their name being a very tranquil resort with a lovely game park that can be visited on foot, bicycle or golf carts that can be rented. Every day we were treated with a variety of birds visiting and enquiring whether we have anything to eat for them. Nowell en Marsha het ryp piesangs op die braai rooster geplaas en die grys loeries was mal daaroor!



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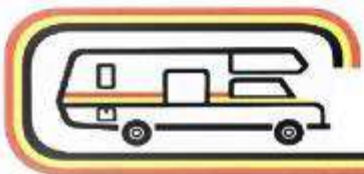
Reëlings word gemaak vir 'n ontbyt by die Beestekraal stasie restaurant en Woensdag oggend is almal op pad daarnatoe, of in die Jimny of op die fiets en daar is selfs mense wat sommer stap soontoe. By die restaurant loop almal eers rond om te kyk na al die snuisterye wat te koop aangebied word asook al die oudhede wat ten toon gestel word.



At the breakfast we are invited by our guests from the Eastern Cape to join them Thursday evening for some snacks as they wish to say thanks for the way we have made them welcome in our midst. It really looks like Jim had to scratch his head to understand such "behaviour". I am informed however that this is purely coincidental and he, together with all of us, thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality and friendliness. The crescendo was at its peak once the platters arrived and "cleaned" with great enthusiasm by all present.

On Friday morning there was a bit of action with Brian, old "grumpy" starting to pack up but then he established that he had a flat tyre. Fortunately, there was a lot of help around and once Nowell brought his "special" jack the problem was sorted chop-chop.

Later in the day we had a bit of a scare with Richard feeling under the weather after his cycling trip. With the assistance of the resort staff an ambulance was called and in no time, he was rushed off to hospital. Not long there after we received the good news that he was ok and that the doctors are managing the situation and they are going to keep him overnight to do some further checks. Typical of the club members attitude all his stuff was cleaned, packed and secured whilst he was away. Thanks Gill!! We were certainly glad to see him on Sunday morning when he was discharged and his daughter dropped him off at the resort so he could take his motorhome back home again.



During the day the weekend ralliers arrived in their numbers resulting in a total 22 motorhomers for the weekend.

At the meet and greet the baton was handed over by myself to Karel with the assurance that all members attending the midweek had behaved and the hope that these weekenders would do the same.

Karel het almal welkom geheet terwyl die "rally tokens" uitgereik is deur on nuwe sekretaresse Elmarie. Sy het haar goed gekwyt van haar taak en almal was op die lyste behalwe ons nuwe lede Bert en Elbie Stols wat hul eie bespreking gemaak het. Alles het gelukkig goed afgeloop en is hul hartlik verwelkom deur almal met Karel wat dit amptelik gemaak het namens die streeks komitee.

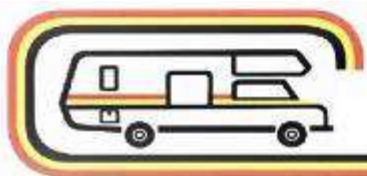
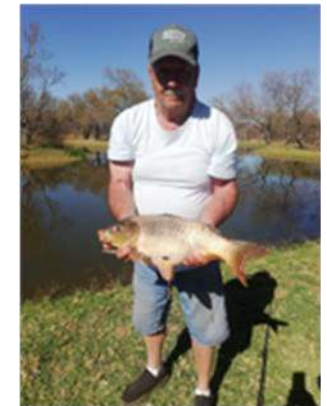


Hierna was dit tyd vir al die spesiale toekennings met Carlien en Ben asook Robert en Ria wat hul 25 rallies sertifikaat gekry het.

Garth and Gill were presented with their certificate for 75 rallies completed. Well done you guys!! Just shows that once you are in, you just want to continue and continue!!



Garth especially, was pleased that the weekend had started with Robert bringing the necessary fishing equipment. You see the resort has a dam close to the entrance where fishing is allowed and although we have been to Kokoriba a couple of times already, nobody knew of this attraction. We later learned that the reason we did not know is that the dam was built during 2023 only and this was the first time for all. Garth made good work and caught a beautiful one which he was very proud to show.



The evening was enjoyed by each one with fires going at various spots.

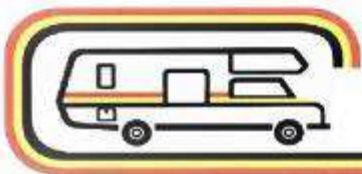
Saterdag het almal hulself in die oord tuis gemaak met sommkiges wat gaan swem het, ander wat die restaurant ondersteun het en kuiergeselsies orals rond.

Saterdag aand is daar uiteraard weer saam gekuier rondom die vure wat verskaf is deur die komitee. Alle nuus is weer opgevang en op datum gebring. Lekker tye!!

Sondag oggend het Marsha vir ons die oordenking gelei wat vooraf gegaan is deur sang onder leiding van Jay en Mariaan. Karel moes bontstaan om die klank stelsel reg te laat werk. Uiteraard was dit geslaagd want sy hande staan mos nie gou verkeerd nie. Man van vele talente. Marsha se boodskap was baie inspirerend en is deur almal gewaardeer en het menig een van ons tot denke agtergelaat! Dankie jy!!

The devotion was followed by the usual chairman's tea where tables were moaning and crying with all the food that they had to carry. All agreed that Kokoriba can remain on the list of venues in future. Karel extended a special invite for the October rally being the annual AGM. Any proposals for new committee members must please be forwarded sooner rather than later so that they can be tabled at the AGM.

Another successful and wonderful midweek and weekend rally again comes to an end. Greetings and safe travels and until the next time we meet!!



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## **ANNUAL BOWLS RALLY - BUSH INN (SPRINGS) (1 – 8 OCTOBER 2023)**

*Report by Marius Kruger*

The annual bowls rally was scheduled to take place at Lekkerbreek, near Naboomspruit.

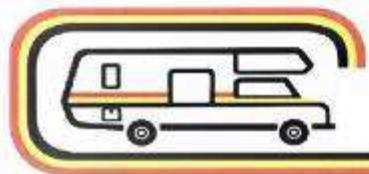
Unfortunately Lekkerbreek closed their doors as the farm was sold and the new owner gave the current tenants notice to leave the premises. It was very sad as this was the perfect spot for the bowls rally and other clubs that frequented use this facility.

A new venue had to be found in a very short time, and as the rally was in the school holiday, it made it very difficult to find a resort with reasonable rates. At Lekkerbreek the rates were the same whether it was school holiday or not.

Bush Inn offered us a good midweek rate and also a reduced rate over the weekend if we stayed the whole week.



Meet and Greet



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We organised with Springs Town Bowling Club (STBC) to use their bowling greens for the week which is not far from Bush Inn. They, STBC, treated us like royalties and also cancelled one of their trip tournaments to accommodate us. A special thanks to Hannes and Cindy from STBC, it is very much appreciated.

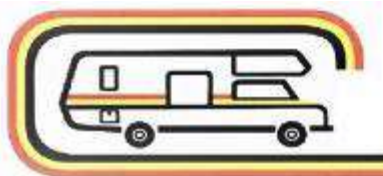
13 Motorhomes arrived on Sunday and guests, Sakkie and Marieta, preferred to stay in a chalet.

Over the weekend a further 2 motorhomes arrived and we also had another two who pitched during the week. Although they were not bowlers, they enjoyed the rally very much.

We also had guests from Meyerton, Div and Janita, who travelled every day to ensure that we had full teams for the week.



Relaxing at the club after paying bowls



On Sunday evening at the meet and greet, teams were drawn and the format of play was explained.

We would play 4 ball pairs for 10 heads and then change teams after tea.

12 teams would play against each other in pairs from Monday to Friday and on Saturday we will compete in the last man or woman standing.

After the teams were drawn we had a bring and braai and everyone got to know each other.

Justus and Susan came all the way from Ficksburg, Thys and Linda from Howick, JC and Dolly from Heilbron and Georg and Connie from Bethlehem. Henk and Elsa from the Mpumalanga region came from Pretoria.

The resort offered us the lapa for the whole week, so we could braai together almost every evening.

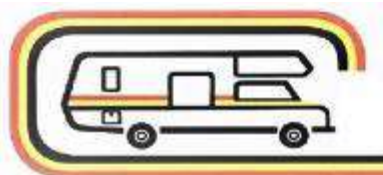
On Monday evening JC auctioned the teams and the persons that bought the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> teams would win the prize money.

The prize giving took place on Saturday morning after the last game as Div and Janita were not able to attend the evening's bring and braai.

Marieta and Janita came first with a score of 18 plus 49, Div and Linda was second with a score of 13 plus 26 and Henk and Val was third with a score of 12 plus 28. They all received medals, gold, silver and bronze for their achievements.

Hannes Myburg received a very nice hamper from Hannes from STBC for being in the last place together with his team mate Thys.

Trophies were awarded to Div and Janita who won the last man and woman competition.







1<sup>st</sup> place winners



Second place and Last man standing

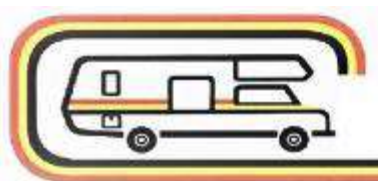


Third place



Last woman standing

The 3 Auction winners





**Boobie prize**



**Our hosts from STBC**

Thanks to Annetjie who assisted with the prize giving.

The auction money was won by Sakkie x2, Henk and Tim who received their winnings.

On Saturday evening we had our final bring and braai and everyone agreed that it was a very successful rally. Although there were problems with electricity and water all voted that we again would stay at Bush Inn. Hannes from STBC has also indicated that he might develop camping facilities at the club which would then be a much better option.

Thys suggested that we should have a bowls tour on our way to Gariep next year. Everyone was in favour of this and it would be further investigated.

Thanks to everyone who made this a successful rally. See you all next year.



## **DUBE, BRITS (20 – 22 OCTOBER 2023) - AGM**

A contented sigh escaped my lips as I lowered myself into the warm water. It was so good to be back at Dube!

Rather than the usual August, this was the first time the club had camped here so late in the year and as a result members made extravagant use of the super tubes, slides, waterway and many pools. The not so brave sticking to the heated pools.

Being the largest rally ever hosted by Northvaal, instead of our usual 30 to 35 motorhomes, the resort had to find place for 54 vans, not to mention the more than thirty members who opted to take advantage of the midweek special from Sunday to Friday before the rally and others the week after. This during one of their busiest periods.

On behalf of the club I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff at Dube, as well as our secretary Elmarié, for their incredible patience and care in which they undertook to sort out the situation and make our stay such a pleasurable one.

Sunrise Tuesday morning, saw a group setting off on an organised bird watching hike and for those many bowls enthusiasts, arrangements were made for them to use the facilities at the Brits Bowling club on Tuesday and Thursday.

Wednesday morning a buzz could be heard coming from the hall as campers congregated for a scrumptious tea and bingo provided by the resort. This is one of the few resorts where every year we are able to see major changes made to improve our camping experience.

I think Jays devotional message on Sunday of the overwhelming extravagant love of God, just affirmed what many felt as they walked, cycled or drove through the park. During the week a Giraffe dropped her young one and some were priviledged to see it drinking from its mother with the umbilical cord still attached. The same could be said of the Zebra.



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At the Friday night “meet and greet” Karel welcomed new members Eric and Ria Beyl. He also welcomed 11 members from other regions together with their wives. Two from the Western Cape, four from Mpumalanga and eight from the Free State. We are like family and it is so good to meet others from around the country.



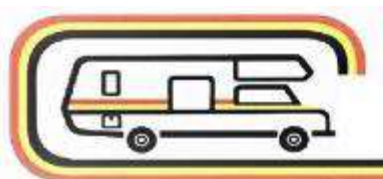
Karel also explained the achievement tokens given in recognition of every 25th continual milestone and mentioned that it won't be long and Hansie will have achieved his goal of 400 rallies. Tokens were handed to JP & Rita Geldenhuys as well as Loekie & Fia Snyder for 25 rallies attended while Marius and Maryna received a token and mug for having achieved 75. Sonja also received a mug and token for 100 rallies. Well done.

The Northvaal AGM on Saturday morning saw Karel, Elmarié and Marius once more voted in for another year. The National committee of Willie, Marius and Sonja, also remains the same. (Details found in the minutes of the AGM, page 11)

Shannon Labuschagne from the Garrun Group gave us an insurance update listing items for which there was previously no cover and which has now been re-negotiated. Once again the subject was brought up concerning the incorrect tow-in vehicles being dispatched to a motorhome breakdown. We had a perfect example this weekend when John and Eileen needed to be towed back to Pretoria.



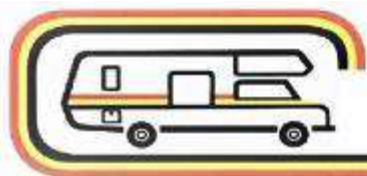
Saturday night, people arrived armed with their complementary meat packs donated by Garrun. As the sun ducked beneath the horizon, leaving an orange glow in its wake, people could be seen congregated in front of the hall around the fires and two massive black pots. All laughing, chatting and sharing stories. With their typical flair Hansie and Sonja had not only organised the fires for our communal braai but also included “pap and sous”. This all added to the atmosphere and people were loath to leave but of course there was the rugby!



They were soon back in the hall sporting their green and gold to watch this nail biting performance. The signal here is very weak and with the time delay, the poor people who opted to watch in their vans knew something was about to happen when they heard the shouts and stamping coming from the hall.



The wooden spoon was awarded twice on Sunday. First to Elmarie for going above and beyond in her handling of the bookings for Dube and sorting out a very complicated situation. Not only sorting it out but also the manner in which she achieved this. And then to Hansie and Sonja in thankful recognition of their willingness and contribution to the club. This award encourages us to think back on the highlights of our stay. I have only touched on a few but for me the camaraderie and fellowship is what draws me back every time.



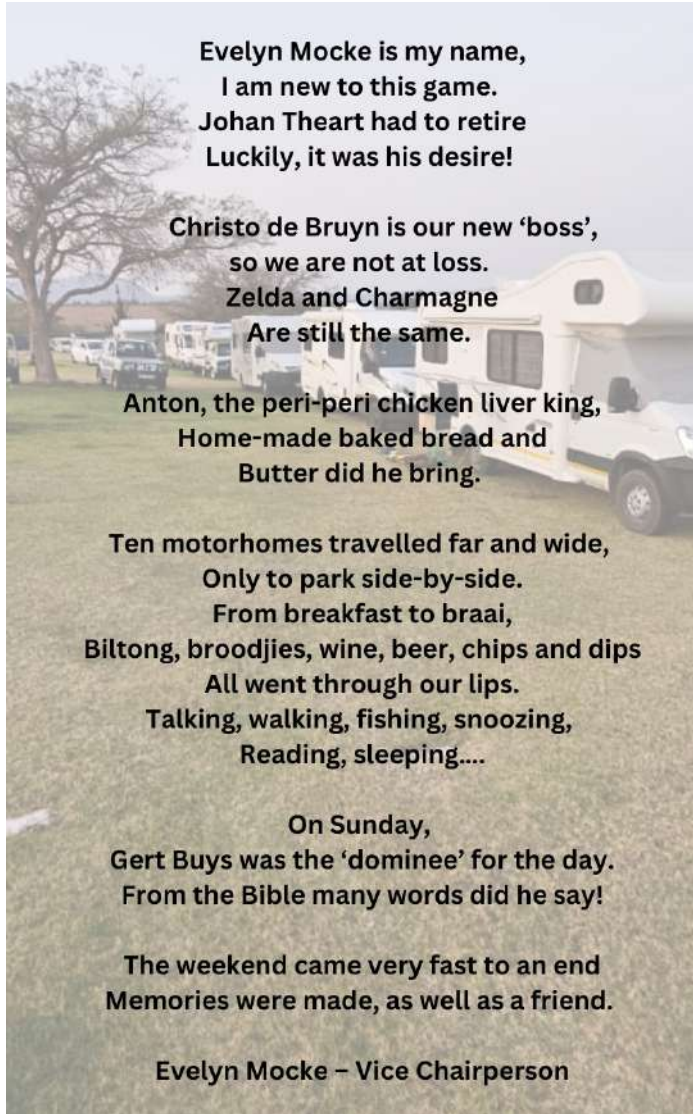
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# MPUMALANGA REGION

## VYGEBOOM DAM (1 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Report by Evelyn Mocke



Evelyn Mocke is my name,  
I am new to this game.  
Johan Theart had to retire  
Luckily, it was his desire!

Christo de Bruyn is our new 'boss',  
so we are not at loss.  
Zelda and Charmagne  
Are still the same.

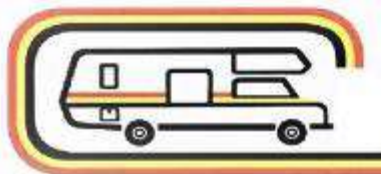
Anton, the peri-peri chicken liver king,  
Home-made baked bread and  
Butter did he bring.

Ten motorhomes travelled far and wide,  
Only to park side-by-side.  
From breakfast to braai,  
Biltong, broodjies, wine, beer, chips and dips  
All went through our lips.  
Talking, walking, fishing, snoozing,  
Reading, sleeping....

On Sunday,  
Gert Buys was the 'dominee' for the day.  
From the Bible many words did he say!

The weekend came very fast to an end  
Memories were made, as well as a friend.

Evelyn Mocke - Vice Chairperson



Furry members Kenji and Benji



Ernie Velthuisen



Johan Theart out-going chairperson



Chrisna, Maurice and Peter



The motorhomes



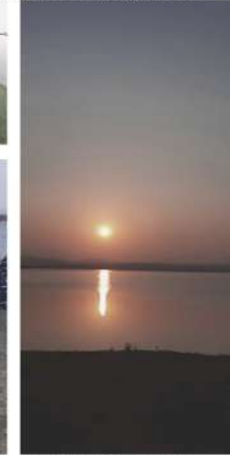
Motorhomes side by side



Ernie and Martie



Braai Time



Sunrise at Vygeboom Dam



Noble and Evelyn Mocke



Christo de Bruyn



Pieter Promnitz's catch of the day



Anton and Veronica Fourie

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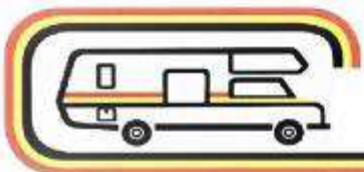
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# WESTERN CAPE REGION

## MINI TOUR (20 - 25 AUGUST 2023)

Report by Clive



On Monday morning a group of 15 motorhomes left Dwarskersbos to embark on our week of mini touring. We were 16 in total but 1 went upfront and 1 joined later.

The participants were as follows:

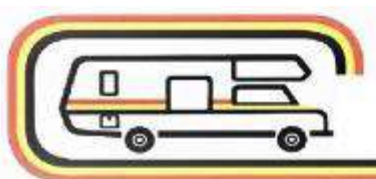
Clive & Athna, John & Linda, Johan & Elaine, Tienie & Louise, Melt & Annetjie, Annita, Dave and Gilly, Jakes and Lizzie, Pieter and Stella, Theo and Mariette, Kevin and Iris, Pat and Marlene, Spilly and Erica, Mike, JP and Rita, Mogamat and Nuru.

JP and Rita from North Vaal joined us on our trip. They heard about our tour and decided to drive down from Meyerton to connect with us.

The motivation of the tour was to experience the splendour of the wild flowers of the Namaqualand. Our first overnight stop was to be Van Pittensvlei just outside of Lamberts Bay. What was to be the story of the week, we drove through in overcast and rainy weather which limited our views of any wild flowers. We set up our camp at this very historic little “village”. It was originally a small town on the way to the west coast and still has a few interesting buildings in various states of disrepair, with a few still used as residences, the old Post Office in particular. The campsite was a bit rustic but ablution facilities unique and very good. That night we all gathered in our boma an enjoyable braai, with a little OB sherry supplied by Theo and Mariette, and lots of friend-banter.



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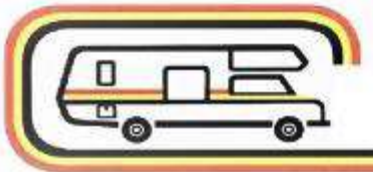




The next morning we left for our next destination at Rondebeg, Clanwilliam. The skies were still a little overcast but we did get to see some beautiful fields of flowers, with some cows amongst the blossoms. We all booked in and set up our motorhomes, and were pleasantly surprised when old members Tom and Sandi paid us a visit. They live about 6kms away on the other side of the dam, but had to do a 40km round trip to come and see us.



Some of us did a short walk to see the dam wall but were blocked by a locked gate. We did get to see patches of wild flowers. Later we set fires and enjoyed a lekker braai before settling in our warm motorhomes for a comfy night's rest. The next morning at departure, Pat and Marlene's motorhome had a major mechanical failure when the wheel parted ways with the axle! Fortunately, Garrun Insurance took care of the logistics and the van was quickly loaded onto a flatbed trailer and on its way to Clanwilliam.

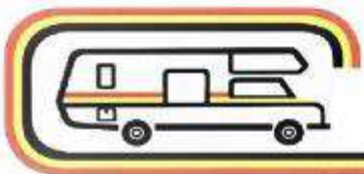




Thankfully the incident happened at the campsite and not 10 minutes later on the highway. The axle was repaired and Pat and Marlene joined up with us later that day.

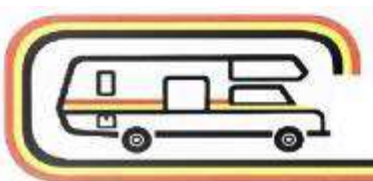
We booked out and made our way to our next destination, Kardoesie, Citrusdal for the next 2 nights. Some members went to view the wild flower show at the local NG Kerk, and by all accounts was an amazing experience. Theo compared

it to the renowned Chelsea Flower Show in the UK. Along the way we stopped at Pikernierskloof stall and did some Carmien tea tasting, Our very enthusiastic host told us all about the various botanicals that are added to the rooibos tea to give each a unique taste. Much tea was tasted and product purchased for later consumption! We booked in to our campsite and set up our motorhomes. The wind was getting blustery so we set up the vans and boma to shield us from the wind. Next day some of us went to hike around the farm roads, Clive and Johan took the MTB's and cycled over the mountain to the Oliphants River valley, a total of 42 km's, Kevin solo hiked to the lookout point to view the beautiful Piketberg valley, Mike did a short ride on his motorbike around the farm roads, whilst the others enjoyed each others company. Mike then set up the Boule court and 2 teams battled it out to find a winner, much laughter and fun was had by players and the very vocal spectators. Elaine made a delicious Sago pudding to be enjoyed after our supper that night.





It rained overnight and continued during our journey to the next stop at Koningskop. This once again limited our views of any wild flowers. Unfortunately the rain continued for most of the day and we were all confined to our motorhomes to keep dry and warm. Koningskop has wonderful facilities and their enclosed braai stoep was where we gathered that night for a kuier, friendly chat, music and a braai to end what was rather a boring day. The next morning the sun was out in all its glorious warmth, so, the hikers hiked, the solo adventurers adventured, the MTBers cycled. Clive and Johan found the historic bushmen paintings high up in a cave on the rocky outcrops above Koningskop, It was a awe inspiring to think how the San/Koi managed to survive in those far off days. Mike later set up the Boule court on the very soft grass. The games were super intense and closely faught throughout, with the spectators comments adding to the fun of the games. The last game took so long that Athna asked Kevin to start the fires as it was getting very late in the day. We all enjoyed another lovely braai on the boma stoep and much merriment was had by all. Thank you to Kevin for starting the fires and also donating another flagon of OB sherry, the pictures prove what a hit it was.

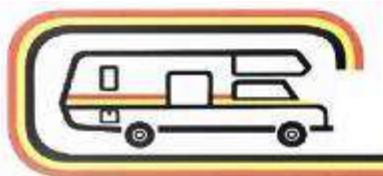


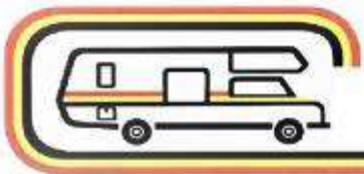


The next morning was our final event of the mini tour, We all gathered on the boma stoep for some farewell messages and thoughts from Chairperson Athna. She thanked everyone who participated and said that as a MH

family we all grew closer together. JP and Rita bought us all Melktert as a farewell gesture as they were leaving to return to home base in North Vaal. Athna thanked them for making the effort to join us and wished the farewell.

In summary, the flowers were disappointing due to the dodgy weather, but the company of all the participants, all the fun times, games, friendships, laughter and “kuiering” more than made up for the lack of wild flowers.





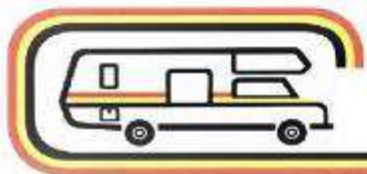
## STRANDSKLOOF (15 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023)

While the rally officially started on Friday, a few brave motorhomers arrived much earlier to enjoy the week and brave the weather. En was die weer onguur? Maar dit kan mos nie bestel word nie, so almal het aangepas en selfs die vreeslike winde getrotseer.



Friday saw the start of the official rally. Gelukkig beskik Strandskloof karavaanpark oor n vol toegeruste saal so die aktiwiteite wat beplan was, kon daar uitgevoer word. Die wind het soms letterlik stormsterkte bereik. Selfs die klub vlag het in die slag gebly.

Early evening our Chairperson, Athna, opened the rally. She welcomed everybody who attended the rally. Verjaardae vir die maand September is ook afgehandel. The birthday people treated everybody with delicious snacks. This was followed by an auction of donated items. Clive was the auctioneer and done a fantastic job auctioning off the items and raising a healthy some for the club funds.



Saterdag oggend was dit die Algemene Jaarvergadering en die Voorsitter se baie volledige verslag, was gunstig ontvang. Ralph acted as Prociding Officer for the election of office bearers. The outcome was as follows:

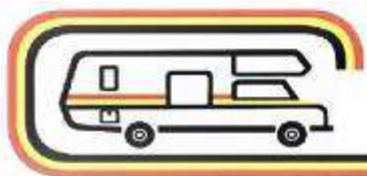
Chairperson: Our Chairperson was voted in for Our chairlady Athna was voted in for another year.

Tessourier: Marie, ons huidige tessourier word herkies.

Sekretaresse; Elretha

Ondervoorsitter: Theo

Addisionale lede: Ralph en Musti



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Na n redelike ontstuimige Vrydag nag(wind wat veroorsaak het dat dit gevoel het of motorhomes in seiljagte verander het) breek Saterdag aan. Weer kom die saal tot ons redding. Rummy Kup kon gespeel word, maar die Boule moes agterwee bly weens die wind. The wind would have blown those balls away.

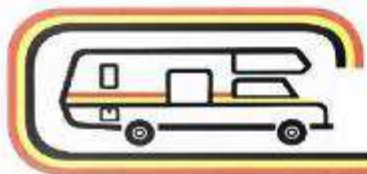
Saturday evening we did manage to get the braai fires on, despite of the heavy winds and an enjoyable evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Sondag oggend het n groot getal die koue trotseer om die kerkdiens by te woon.

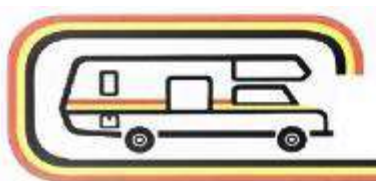
This was followed by the Chairperson's tea. And then the "cherry on the cake" – a fantastic sit-down breakfast was served and everyone had their more than fill. Wel gedaan aan die spysenier.

Na die fantastiese ontbyt het die meeste motorhomers huis toe vertrek met die uitsondering van ses motorhomers wat besluit het om eers die Maandag te vertrek. Luckily they could watch the rugby on a BIG screen(wall) in the hall.

Despite the bad weather a great rally was held. En almal het of die Sondag of dan die Maandag veilig by hulle tuistes garriveer.







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## **GANZEKRAAL (23 - 28 OCTOBER 2023) - MIDWEEK**

The October Ganzekraal Rally started early for some members on Sunday 22 October 2023 grabbing the front spots on Block B with the stunning view overlooking the ocean. The weather was lovely and sunny throughout the week and we were blessed with minimal wind, clear skies and a lot of fresh ocean air. Most of us went for walks along the beach and even found some wild flowers along the top foot path. As per usual, there were plenty laughter, chatting and stories around the camp fire.

Teen Maandoggend het die groep al met n hele paar ryhuise gegroei en van die lede wat lanklaas gekamp het is hartlik verwelkom. Ongelukkig het ons geen krag gehad vir die dag nie aangesien Eskom die hele dag aan kables gewerk het en nie die eienaars van Ganzekraal verwittig het nie. Gelukkig kon almal darem n plan maak tot die krag weer aan was later die dag. Lourette het aangebied om inkopies by Woollies te doen vir die wat iets vegeet het.

By Tuesday we had enough people to play Boule with fierce competition between the two groups. The rummy cub fanatics was also eagerly competing in the shade of one of the motorhomes. Hannes was our excellent photographer making sure we can remember the games played in the beautiful weather.

Woensdag het Hannes en Elretha die grondpaatjies aangedurf met hul fietse en 20km gery in die reservaat. Sommige van ons het besluit mooi klippies optel om te verf is minder uitputtend as stap of fietsry!

Die aand het ons vure aangesteek by Dale en Hannes se staanplekke en sommer so informeel saam gebraai. Almal was baie bly ons is in die B BLOK met die netjiese, skoon geriewe en mooi uitsig.



Wednesday the official Rally kicked off. Unfortunately, Athna and Clive was still on their way from Dube where they attended the AGM and Maré was in New Zealand.

Theo and Elretha welcomed our new members: Tony and Bets Thurman as well as Attie and Hanlie de Waal.



Congratulations to Kevin and Iris Farr reaching their 25<sup>th</sup> rally.



Our birthday friends, Musty, Ralph E, Tienie and Bets treated us with mouth-watering snacks before the braai on Wednesday

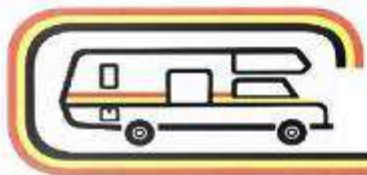


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Donderdag sal onthou word as die groot BOULE dag!

Ses spanne het deelgeneem, altesaam 24 kampers wat met groot entoesiasme mekaar probeer uitoorlê het.



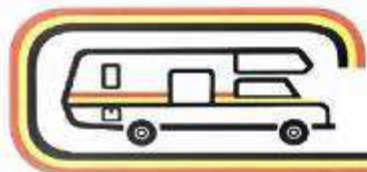
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The *BIG RAY OF SUNSHINE* award was given to Gilly Shreeve for her unselfish agreement to move her motorhome a few meters to give us a larger space to braai.

With much laughter and surprise it was Hannes and Elretha who the Rally Lucky.

Everybody had a lovely time and we were blessed with fantastic weather. Most people left early on Friday just in time to miss the rain. Big thanks to the guys setting up the kuier area. It was an amazing rally and we owe a big thanks to Elretha and Theo for taking charge in the absence of Athna and Maré.



## **MONTAGU (24 - 26 NOVEMBER 2023)**

The Western Cape rallies have become so popular that most club members already started joining from the prior Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. By Monday we were 19 motor homes and by Thursday the number grew to a whopping 25 motorhomes. By Friday we had a full house with 28 motorhomes.

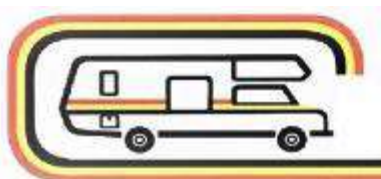
The week was very busy with 5km walks at 8:00 in the mornings, while the cyclists in the group took to the Hills and Valleys surrounding Montagu.

There was also the swimmers club that enjoyed the two heated and two cold water pools. Even the waterslide was tried by a brave Mariette that played like a kid at heart.

Boule was played in the afternoons and so well attended that some afternoons up to three teams took turns to play. The deciding game of the week was won by an all-female team that thrashed the men's team. There was also all kind of games played by others.

The walks in the mornings were well supported, and the halfway coffee stops at various venues in the quaint village might have played a role in that

Each evening, there were fires lit, and club members enjoyed leisurely braais and kuiers.



Friday evening our Chair Athna welcomed everyone and especially the new members that joined: .Elsabe&Joe De Abrue, Emilene&Oscar Ferreira and An-natjie&Attie Kleynhans.

Athna congratulated the winners of the milestone awards of successful rallies:

John and Linda Otto – 25 rallies

Neil and Anle Hamman – 125 rallies

The Birthday members for November & December who attended where:

Attie, Elretha, Johan, Clive, Beulah, Lourette. They spoiled us with yummy snacks and each of them recieved a club-branded glass.

Fires was suplied by the club for those that still wanted to braai afterwards, and there was no shortage of stories to be shared around the fires.

Saturday morning 15 couples made their way out of Montagu towards Robertson for an amazing train ride. As we had to leave early for the pass were closing we started our trip at Bird's Paradise for a breakfast. From there we made our way to our train. What a trip and great company and wine.

Saturday evening was a blast as everyone made a huge effort to dress to the "P" year end function theme.

The originality blew our minds as we saw: Prisoners, some even pregnant, Priest's, Pirates, Pink princesses, a peacock, a pencil and paper couple. Popeye and his pineapple, painters, a pothole, professor, Plastic surgeon and her patient. Pippy langkous with her policeman. Poca-hontas, Petty officer, and a couple of PPC cement workers.

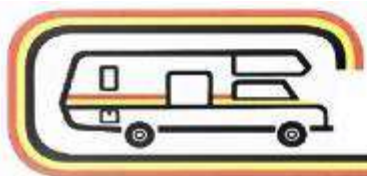




The tables were decorated in a festive theme, and we were very impressed with the club leadership's creativity as most of the decorations were hand-made by them. We were spoiled with ice cold bubbly and the most delicious spitbraai, salads, and malva pudding. It was a fun evening with lots of fun and hilarity.

Sunday morning was our usual services in Afrikaans and English led by Serfie and Ralph. Followed by Chairman's tea. With all the food that was left over we had some more lovely breads and meat and pudding. Our yellow shirt was awarded to Carolyn.

Some members left on Sunday but 15 Motorhomes stayed for another night, and we all had fun around the fires. Mare made us chow from the last of the meat that was left over and Serfie entertained us with his guitar into the evening.

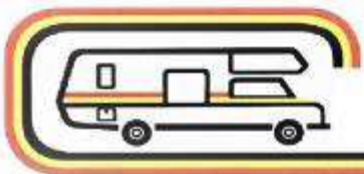


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## FREE STATE REGION

MASELSPOORT (15 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Report by Charles Barker



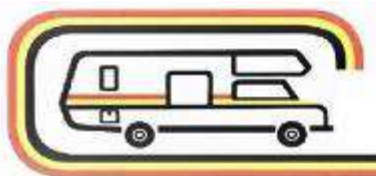
*Celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Free State Region!!*

Maselspoort resort is situated on the banks of the Modder River about 20km northeast of Bloemfontein. The campsite has 44 stands, each with a private bathroom and kitchenette as well as 134 stands with shared ablutions.

18 Ryhuise trek Vrydag saam. Tydens die “Meet and Greet” word nuwe lede (Kobus en Gail, Jan en Bertha, Marina, Georg en Connie) asook Gary en Terry van Noordvaal welkom geheet.

Ons vertrek hierna na Boyden sterrewag waar Dawie van Jaarsveld van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat se Fisika departement ons ontvang. Op die amfiteater vertel hy ons die geskiedenis van die Boyden sterrewag. Na `n besoek aan die 60 duim Rockefeller teleskoop, luister ons na `n lesing “zooming out” en daarna kyk ons na Alpha Centauri en Saturnus deur die 13 duim Avian Clark teleskoop. Die museum op die perseel word ook besoek.

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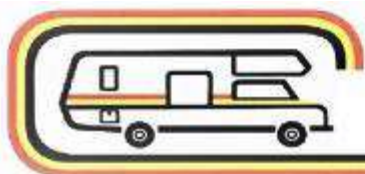
Die koepel van die groot Rockefeller Reflector 60 duim teleskoop



The 13-inch refractor telescope at Boyden observatory.



Dawie van Jaarsveld verduidelik die werking van die 60 duim teleskoop aan die besoekers.





Saterdagoggend gaan sommige lede ontbyt eet in die oord se restaurant.

The AGM of the region was held on Saturday morning and a new committee was elected. The ladies started organising the year-end function to be held at Weltevrede. Later that evening the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Free State Region was celebrated with a scrumptious dinner prepared by Jan and Petro (rotisserie chicken) with salads and waffles and ice cream prepared by all the ladies.



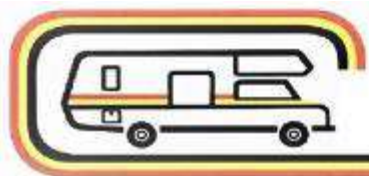
Stigterslede van die streek wat die vyf jarige vieringe bygewoon het, Johan Oosthuisen, Engela Erasmus, Lizelle en Christo Jacobz en Madeleine en Willie van Heusden

On Sunday morning Madelein and Gé lead the devotion after which members enjoy various treats dished up for the chairman's tea. Jan and Petro share the "Camper of the Weekend" award with Jannie and Mariana.

Dan is dit oppak en huis-toe gaan tot ons volgende maand by Ventersdorp kamp.



Camper of the Weekend awarded to Jannie, Marianne, Petro and Jan by Johan .



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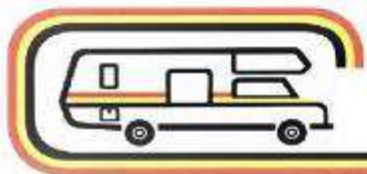


## **RIETSPRUITDAM ONTSPANNINGSOORD, VENTERSDORP (13 - 15 OCTOBER 2023)**

*Report by Willie van Heusden*

Na `n week se ongere weer by die huis arriveer ons die Vrydag by Rietspruitdam Ontspanningsoord en word aangenaam verras deur `n windstil en lieflike sonskyn dag by die oord. Die weer sou die hele naweek so bly totdat ons die Sondag vertrek na Dube vir die Nasionale AJV. Die ontvangs by die kantoor was baie vriendelik en behulpsaam.

Die oord is `n lushof so vroeg in die seisoen, danksy die besproeiing uit die dam. Die wilgerbome met 'n lowergroen sambreel sorg vir oorgenoeg koelte deur die hele dag, jy trek net al in die rondte agter die skaduwee aan. Die staanplekke is groot met elkeen sy eie kragpunt, kraan vir water. Die losstaande braaier kan jy skuif na gelang van jou behoefte. Die abusiegeriewe is netjies en word heeldag skoongehou.



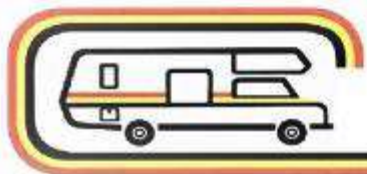
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Die onderdak verhitte swembad was silwerskoon en heeltyd vol mense. Selfs met die Wêredbeker rugby aan het mense uit die swembad uit gesit en kyk op die grootskerm. Die sitkamer en swembad deel dieselfde vertrek maar die wasem pla nie by die swembad nie. Die eienaar verhit die swembad met `n brander wat ou enjin olie verbrand, baie koste effektief. Die oord se winkeltjie hou al die nodigste items vir `n kamp naweek aan.

`n Besoek aan Schoonspruit Distillery net buite Ventersdorp sowat 12km van die oord af is werklik die moeite werd. Hulle het met hul wenner verpakking die TOTPAK die mark betree en het selfs witwyn van mielies gemaak toe die nuwe eienaar van hul gereelde verskaffer in die Kaap nie duiweloos aan hulle wou lewer nie, nou pryk hul eie wingerde langs die pad. Hulle maak ook Tequila op die regte manier van die Agave garingboom soos in Mexico, dit is `n baie interessante proses.

Te gou was die naweek verby, maar Rietspruit Ontspanningsoord doen sy naam gestand, jy ontspan lekker daar. Ek sal graag `n boot daar wou hê om ook die water te geniet. Dit was my 2de besoek aan die oord en ek sal definitief weer daar gaan kamp.



## **WELTEVREDE (3 - 5 NOVEMBER 2023)**

*Report by Johan Oosthuizen*

Die kamp het plaasgevind by Weltevrede Kontrei Oord, ongeveer 19 Km buite Parys.

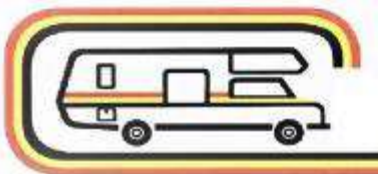
Die kamp is bygewoon deur 26 Ryhuise en 50 lede waarvan 6 van Noordvaal en een `n besoeker van Mpumalanga was. Gedurende die "Meet and Greet" Vrydagaand word `n toekenning vir 50 kampe bygewoon aan Willie en Madelein van Heusden oorhandig. Otto en Ivana Hageman wat oorgekom het van Noordvaal word ook verwelkom.



Ons betoon empatie aan lede wat siek is en dra hulle op in ons gebede maar is ook baie bly om te verneem van die herstel van ons lede wat ongesteld was. Lede wat in November verjaar is verras met `n lekker sjokolade. Ons Vrystaat hemde bly gewild en meer lede plaas hul bestellings. Lede word aangemoedig om hul naamplaatjies te dra, dit kan bestel word by die klub. Na die "meet and greet" is daar `n gesamentlike braai wat deur almal bygewoon word. Hennie Storm het vir die musiek gesorg.

Saterdagoggend kom almal byeen om die saal reg te skuif vir ons jaareind funksie.

Die aand 18h00 het almal opgedaag en was verras met die foto hoekie wat deur Lizelle voorberei is, dit was groot pret!



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Madelein en Willie het almal verras met 'n lekker glasie sjerrie. Jan en Petro van Zyl het die aller heerlikste voorgereg voorgesit. Boeresjiek van Potchefstroom het 'n uitmuntende ete vir ons voorgesit. Hennie Storm het gesorg vir musiek en die mense het lekker gedans.



Sondag oggend se oordenking was waargeneem deur Barry Joubert, die boodskap was baie treffend en het gegaan oor ons menslike liggaam wat ons so as vanselfsprekend aanvaar. Die Voorsitter het die Kamper van die Naweek toekenning oorhandig aan Lizelle, vir haar inisiatief om die portaal te omskep vir die fotosessie, Ben de Lange vir al die foto's en aan Christine vir al die reëlings vir ons ete en die spesiale moeite wat gedoen is met die badkamers.

Die naweek was afgesluit deur die voorsitterstee en heerlike eetgoed wat voorsien is deur die dames.

Aan almal wens ons 'n Geseënde Kersfees toe en 'n baie voorspoedige nuwe jaar.



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# RALLY CALENDAR - 2024

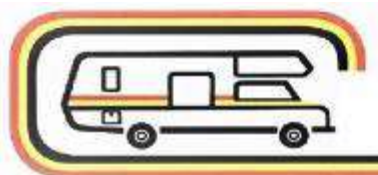


## MPUMALANGA

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
19 - 21 January	Die Raasblaar
11 - 15 February	Weesgerus (Midweek)
15 - 17 March	Bezrus
19 - 21 April	Merry Pebbles of Mankele (Moontlike Midweek)
5 - 18 May	Kruger Wildtuin
23 - 27 June	Sondela (Midweek)
26 - 28 July	Renosterkop
30 Aug - 1 September	Dinokeng
1 - 5 September	Willemsrus (Midweek)
16 - 20 October	Gariiep (Nationale Rally)
22 - 24 November	Lake Umuzi (Kers Rally)

## FREE STATE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
8 - 14 January	Uithoek (Fouriesburg)
9 - 11 February	Tava Lingwe (Viljoenskroon)
8 - 10 March	Umfula (Parys)
12 - 14 April	Klipdraai (Meyerton)
4 - 11 August	Tshipise (North Vall host)
12 - 23 August	Kruger National Park
13 - 15 September	Vegkop (Heilbron)
11 - 13 October	Tri-Hunt (Brandfort)
14 - 15 October	Gariiep
16 - 20 October	Gariiep National Convergence
8 - 10 November	Weltevrede



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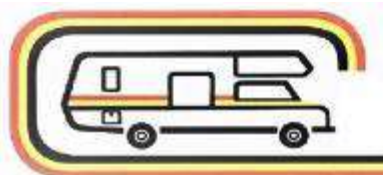


### GARDEN ROUTE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
25 - 27 January	Jongensfontein
15 - 17 February	Swartvlei
14 - 16 March	Keurbooms Lagoon
18 -20 April	Kleinplaas Oudtshoorn
9 - 11 May	Island Lake
6 - 8 June	Glentana
18 - 20 July	Lake Pleasant
22 - 24 August	Woodbourn Knysna
12 - 14 September	ATKV Hartenbos (AGM)
11 - 13 October	Karoo water Calitzdorp
14 - 15 October	Karoo Nasionale Park (Beaufort Wes)
16 - 20 October	Gariep National Convergence
28 - 30 November	Mosselbaai Punt

### EASTERN CAPE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
19 -21 January	Jeffreys Bay
16 - 18 February	Pearsons Park (Colchester)
22 - 24 March	Mystery Tour
19 - 21 April	Pine Lodge
17 - 19 May	Van Stadens Mouth
21 -23 June	Green Fountains
19 - 21 July	Willows
23 - 25 August	Gamtoos
20 - 22 September	Pine Lodge, Summerstrand, Gqeberha (AGM)
From 11 October	Mini Tour to Gariep
16 - 20 October	Gariep Natrional Convergence
22 - 24 November	Sitrus Oewer



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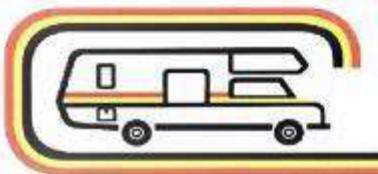


## WESTERN CAPE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
26 - 28 January	Skurwekop, Robertson
16 - 18 February	Kardoesie
15 - 17 March	Oostewaal
16 - 17 April	Riggton, Bonievale (Midweek)
18 - 21 April	Karooater, Carlitzdorp
17 - 19 May	Silwerstrand, Robertson
12 - 14 June	Koningskop (Midweek)
26 - 28 July	Montagu
23 - 25 August	Doringlaagte
13 - 15 September	Kambati, Swellendam (AGM)
11 - 13 October	Stille Waters, Rawsonville
14 - 16 October	Mini Tour to Gariep
16 - 20 October	Gariep National Convergence
22 - 24 November	Strandskloof

## KWAZULU NATAL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
26 - 28 January	Mountain Park Guest Farm (HOWICK)
16 - 18 February	Paradise Holiday Resort (Southbroom)
14 - 17 March	Umlalazi Nature Reserve (Mntnzini)
19 - 21 April	Beehive Family Resort (Wartburg)
17 - 19 May	Port O'Call (Southbroom)
7 - 9 June	St Lucia

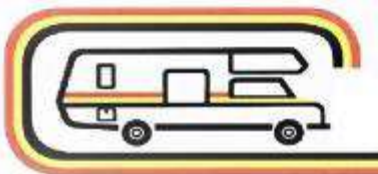


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## NORTHVAAL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
16 – 18 February	Kaia Manzi (Valentines Rally)
25 Feb – 1 March	Hartbeeshoek (Midweek)
15 – 17 March	River Cottage, Parys
19 – 21 April	Onverwags, Brits or Bush 'n Buck
17 – 19 May	Drie Berge, Brits or Casa Cara, Parys
7 – 9 June	Dinokeng (Almega or De Rust)
19 – 21 July	Konka
1 – 14 August	Tshipise (Winter tour)
16 – 18 August	Dube Private Game Reserve
13 – 15 September	Umfula, Parys (AGM)
29 Sep – 6 October	Bowls Rally (TBC)
11 – 13 October	Eastco, Parys
13 – 16 October	Aldam or River of Joy (mini tour to Gariep)
16 – 20 October	Gariep (National Convergence 40 year anniversary)
15 – 17 November	Tambotievreugde
6 – 8 December	Nkwe or Bush-Inn



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Meet other motorhome owners at the many social events arranged by the Club.

*Ontmoet ander motorwoonwa-eienaars by ons verskeie sosiale saamtrekke.*

#### **CLUB OBJECTIVES**

- To further and protect the interests of motorhome owners.
- To encourage the development of motorhoming.
- To establish and promote exemplary code of conduct among motorhome owners.
- To hold regular rallies and meetings.
- To co-operate with similar organisations.
- To preserve the countryside and access thereto.

#### **HOW THE CLUB OPERATES**

- The Club is open to motorhome owners only.
- The Club is non-profit making and is managed by a committee elected by its members.

#### **KLUBDOELSTELLINGS**

- Om die belange van die klublede te bevorder en te beskerm.
- Om die ontwikkeling van motorwoonwa-aktiwiteite aan te moedig.
- Om 'n voorbeeldige gedragskode vir motorwoonwa-eienaars daar te stel en aan te moedig.
- Om gereeld saamtrekke en byeenkomste te hou.
- Om met soortgelyke instansies saam te werk.
- Om die omgewing te beskerm, te benut en te geniet.

#### **DIE KLUB FUNKSIONEER SOOS VOLG**

- Lidmaatskap is beperk tot motorwoonwa-eienaars.
- Die klub is 'n nie-winsgewende organisasie en word bestuur deur 'n komitee wat deur lede verkies is.

