

Kaia Manzi Rally Report: 16 to 18 February 2024 (as experienced by Nowell Griffin)

Dit was op 'n bloedige warm Vrydagoggend wat ons vroeg uit Pretoria vertrek op pad na ons Valentyns Rally. Binne 'n paar minute het ek besef hoe geseënd ons is om eerstens met ons Motorhomes te kan ry, maar die feit dat ons afgetree is en nie elke dag die druk verkeer hoef te trotseer nie, en ek noem nie eens die taxi's wat alles nog verder verwar nie!



Arriving at a powerless Kaia Manzi, on the banks of the Bronkhorstspruit Dam, we were greeted by a number of fellow motorhomers who had arrived on the Thursday. It never ceases to amaze just how one is welcomed when arriving, being greeted not just as a friend but as though you are the prodigal son. During the course of the day the rest of the group arrived and settled in. By 5.30pm we were all gathered, each and all trying to find a shady spot.

Meet and Greet was opened by the deputy chairman Jay, who informed us of the resignation of our chairman Karel, who due to extreme work pressure had no choice but to step down. In the interim Dawid Mouton agreed to stand in as chairman. Karel was thanked for his dedication and soft nature in which he led the Northvaal region. Karel then welcomed the new member Retha Smit. Fires were lit and soon the smell of braais filled the air. If you were not hungry before, the smells surely made you collect some meat and enjoy a hearty meal with magical company.



Tot redelik laat kon die gesels en gelag van lede gehoor word. Saterdag oggend het almal stadig wakker geword, daar was tog 'n paar wat bed nat gemaak het en al vroeg oggend gesit en ontbyt het, terwyl die res van ons nog lekker gelê het. Ek wil nie name noem nie, maar...

Na nog n warm dag, het almal saal toe beweeg vir 'n aand van liefde. Van die dames het regtig baie moeite gedoen om die tafels in rooi te dek. Aandete is deur die Oord self bedien, weer eens 'n lekker rustige aand. Ons het net betyds klaar geëet toe die krag weer afgaan. Daar was n hewige storm op pad, almal het dus redelik vroeg ingekruip.



Sunday morning Ari led us in an inspirational devotion, challenging us to always be aware of what we do and spread. Thereafter it was time for Chairman's Tea. Dawid, the new chairman, was introduced and he led the meeting. Linda, Ansie and Herma were congratulated on having celebrated birthdays in February. An extra day for the first time in 4 years has been given for settlement of the rally fees to the March rally at Bloekompoort, namely 29th February 2024. It was agreed by all that this resort should be kept on the list as a venue which should be visited again.



The wooden spoon was awarded, upside down, to Phillip for battling without power and not checking his trip switch.

Tea and eats were thereafter enjoyed by all.

