# MOTORHOME CLUB 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GARIEP – 16 to 20 OCTOBER 2024 137 Motorhomes attended





# **7 REGIONS WERE REPRESENTED AT THIS RALLY**



'n GROOT mylpaal vir die Motorhome Klub van Suid Afrika! Kleurvolle vlae (voor die saal) wat elke Streek verteenwoordig, het almal verwelkom.

Seven Regions were represented at this rally: Eastern Cape, Garden Route, Western Cape, Free State, Kwa Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and Northvaal.

Maande (selfs jare) se beplanning het bymekaar gekom tydens hierdie suksesvolle saamtrek wat plaasgevind het by Gariep Forever Resort vanaf Woensdag 16 Oktober tot Sondag 20 Oktober 2024.

### **CAMPING SITES**





Willie van Heusden (huidige Nasionale Voorsitter) het vooraf die oord besoek om seker te maak dat daar genoeg staanplekke vir die beplande saamtrek sal wees.

The Eastern Cape Region (28 motorhomes) parked on the open field next to the hall. With no trees and no water points, but enough electrical points, they all enjoyed to be close to the hall where all the official activities took place.

#### SOMER 'SNEEU FLOKKIES'

The weather gave us a few surprises with quite a lot of wind this year as well as the "cotton" trees that provided nice shade but a lot of seeds blowing around like snow drops

## Die "GROOT HALLO"

Oral het vriende hul blydskap gewys om mekaar weer te sien







## **BOAT TRIP ON THE DAM**

Oos Kaap Streek het 'n boot rit gereel op die dam vir Woensdag middag. Almal wat dit bygewoon het, het dit baie geniet.





Statistics of the Dam

The Gariep Dam, completed in 1971, is the largest dam in South Africa and this massive piece of water covers more than 370sq km when full and can store nearly 6000-million cubic litres of water. Water from the dam is transferred to the Fish and Sundays basins via the Orange/Fish Tunnel which was until recently the longest continuous water transfer tunnel in the world (82km)

## **OPENING OF HALL FOR TABLE DECORATIONS**



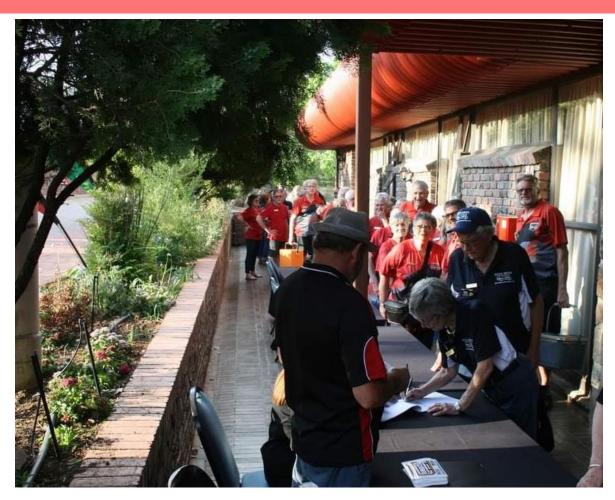




From 15:00 on Wednesday afternoon each region started to decorate their tables. Enthusiastic women (and men) proudly decorated their tables according to their regions's colours and themes.

Number of motorhomes attended by each Region: Northvaal 35, Eastern Cape 28, Western Cape 20, Free State 18, Garden Route 12, Mpumalanga 12, KZN 12. A total of 137 motorhomes. Plus 1 Stand was reserved for Hendrik Engelbrecht (music man). (TOTAL of 138 stands)

# **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - OFFICIAL OPENING**



We all registered on arrival at the hall and were welcomed by the National Secretary, Sonja Otto and a glass of sherry.

Each member received a 40th Anniversary Token.



A proud National Chairman, Willie van Heusden welcomed all inside the hall.

A "goody bag" was issued to each member.

# **BOERIE ROLLS WEDNESDAY**

The club provided "boerie rolls" to all. Each region had to arrange their own fires and braai to their members. Fires were lit and the smell of braaivleis announced the beginning of an exciting rally to come!











**NORTHVAAL** 



**EASTERN CAPE** 



**GARDEN ROUTE** 



**MPUMALANGA** 



**FREE STATE** 



**WESTERN CAPE** 



**KWA ZULU NATAL** 

# **EXITING THURSDAY - A LOT TO COME!**

# Walk the Wall Tour

The day started with a visit to the dam wall coordinated by Northvaal Region.





A few Jinmy's departed 12:00 from Reception for a scenic drive to Norvalspont and a visit to the old cemetery and concentration camp in the area.

# THURSDAY EVENING STEAKBRAAI



The club provided a steak to each person. Each table has to provide their own side dishes.

## LINE DANCING AND BINGO





We were entertained by the Line Dancing Ladies
Ralph Jackson hosted the Bingo
WE DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY ON THE MUSIC OF
HENDRIK ENGELBRECHT ...





# ... WHILE OTHERS CAUGHT UP WITH OLD FRIENDS





# **VRYDAG - MINI OLIMPIADE**

# Elke Streek was 'n gasheer vir 'n sportsoort:



Wes Kaap - Boule



Tuinroete - Graspyle



**KZN** – Hangballe



Eastern Cape - Corn Hole



Vrystaat - Put Put



Mpumalanga - Hoefyster gooi

NOORDVAAL WAS GASHEER VIR DIE ROLBAL

### FRIDAY - CHEESE & WINE





Die klub het elke tafel met wyn en druiwesap voorsien.

Each table provided their own cheese & wine platter.

Appreciation to the club for the refund to each region to cover the expenses for the platters

### MINI OPLIMPIADE – PRYS UITDELING VRYDAG AAND

A few photos of the prize giving of the mini olimpiad. More photos on the Motorhome of South Africa Facebook Page.







### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



Saterdag oggend 10:00

Willie van Heusden open die Algemene Jaarvergadering. 'n Kworum was teenwoordig en die vergadering gaan voort.

A big thankyou to Willie van Heusden who served as Chairman for the past two years. Ralph Jackson was voted in as the new Chairman of the Motorhome Club of South Africa.

Visit www.motorhomeclub.co.za for detail of the new committee members and the minutes of the meeting

# JIMNY "BRAGGING"





A familiar sight at a motorhome rally is the number of Jimny's towed behind the motorhomes. All the Jimny's were parked in a row.

For the fun a few "Baby Jimny's" contributed to the vibe.

## SATURDAY GALA EVENING

The club provided the "buffet" meal for the Gala Evening.

The regions decorated their tables smart for this occasion.









# **CHAIRMAN's SPEECHES**

Each Regional Chairman had a chance to congratulate their members on their Birthday's for October and announced rally milestones. (See all the photos on the Facebook page).















## FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE MOTORHOME CLUB



One of the founder members of the Motorhome Club of South Africa, Jim Williams received special recognition.

On the photo is Willie van Heusden, Jim and Liz Williams

# SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS





Photo's that tell a thousand words ....



# A BIG THANKYOU ....



Willie & Madelein van Heusden thanked Sonja Otto (National Secretary) for her contribution to make this rally a BIG success!

# SUNDAY MORNING DEVOTION

Sunday Morning Devotion was held by Jay Bezuidenhout.

Veilige terug reis word almal toegewens en ook aan die lede wat beplan om verder te reis om ons mooi land te verken.

