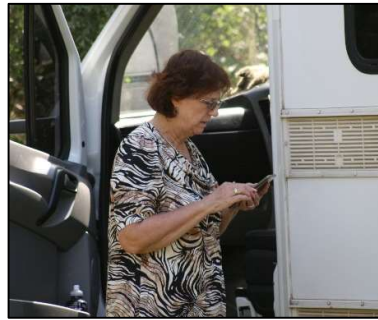


DIAMANTE: 8-10 December 2023

During the course of Friday 8 December 2023, fourteen motorhomes arrived at Diamanté Resort. We booked the upper level of the camping area, where beautiful, mostly grassed camping spots were exclusively allocated to MSCA Northvaal Members.



Diamanté Resort upper terrace offered a secluded area away from the hustle and bustle of the pool area. Large areas were covered with lawn and natural vegetation, with large trees providing shade. No formal stands were laid out, which added to the informal character of the resort. This is a camp very close to Pretoria (35km), which can certainly accommodate a group of up to 18 motorhomes.

The Meet and Greet started at 17:30 at the roofed lapa area. This facility provided some shelter against a typical highveld thunderstorm that coincided with sunset. A wonderful bushveld experience to hear and smell the rains... The under-cover area was very helpful against this quick thunderstorm.

It was announced with sadness and sympathy that Alan Boucher lost his wife in September, after a struggle with cancer, as well as his daughter a few weeks later. But we were very pleased that he decided to join us, together with his two grandsons.

Karel and Ansie reached their 50th rally, and Jay presented them with a certificate and a token, as well as printed mugs with some special photos.



Karel Leimecke wished Sonja and Tania (friend of Tiaan and Janet) happy birthdays, that they would celebrate during December.

An informal communal braai was held after the Meet and Greet at the lapa area, which was well attended.

And, of course, little Gigi, furry baby of Flip and Leonie, also attended the camp. She was definitely the most well-behaved camper!



The normal Saturday evening braai was substituted with a potjie, rice and salad, which offered a relaxing kuier event at the lapa. Thanks to Dawid who brew the potjie, Phillip who prepared the rice in his fancy machine, and to all the ladies who helped preparing a magnificently colourful salad.



There were fairy lights and tinsel, and the atmosphere was just so peaceful. It felt like being part of a big happy family meal!

Everyone attending the camp, had to bring one Christmas gift. Afterwards everyone could take any gift according to gender from the crate. What fun it was. We hope that everybody were pleased with their gifts!



Sunday morning Marsha gave us a wonderful message at Devotion, even though she was informed only the night before (we will not reveal who forgot to tell her!).



After devotion, Karel had a short message, and also to present the Wooden Spoon, upside or downside!



It was voted unanimously that Marsha was the lucky UPSIDE winner for giving us a wonderful message, with very short notice!

As usual, all enjoyed the snacks and tea/coffee.



Karel wished everyone a safe journey and a blessed Christmas holiday.