



MCSA - NORTHVAAL

ATKV DRAKENSVILLE - RALLY REPORT

5 - 12 MARCH 2023



Motorhome Club of South Africa



2023 NORTHERN CONVERGENCE
5 - 12 MARCH 2023

MCSA MEMBER'S SPECIAL RATE

★
R650 for 1 to 7 nights
(2 people sharing)

R140/adult/day extra
R75/child under 12 years/day extra

You pay for the full week
(Even if you only stay for 1 night)
The MCSA club sponsors R250
So, you only pay R400 for the full week (2 people)

QUERIES TO:
Your Regional Secretary
(see detail on next page)

Host Region:
KwaZulu Natal
Chairman:
Louis Friess
083 409 5720

National Treasurer:
Marius Kruger
083 461 7353

PAY R400 by 30 November 2022
in your
REGION'S BANKING ACCOUNT
send proof of payment per email
to your Region Secretary

To confirm your booking

Just over three hours' drive from Johannesburg and Bloemfontein you will find the ATKV Drakensville holiday resort near the foothills of the Drakensberg Amphitheatre, a world heritage site. There are breathtaking views and Drakensville is surrounded by historical landmarks.

The resort has outside warm and cold pools and an inside warm pool, recreational facilities plus a restaurant, fast-food outlet, coffee shop and gift shop. There is outside chess and putt-putt available.



The following four regions coordinated registration for their regions:

- 1) Kwa Zulu Natal (host region)
- 2) Norhtvaal (assisted with the registration)
- 3) Mpumalanga
- 4) Free State

95 motorhomes registered to attend the Northern Convergence. This is a record number of motorhomes that entered for the rally. We had to asked members to double up at stands. Closer to the time of the rally, cancellations were received and the final number of motorhomes who attended the convergence was as follows and therefore no need for double-ups on stands:

Kwa Zulu Natal - 13, Northvaal - 46, Free State 16, Mpumalanga 9

Total of 84 motorhomes eventually arrived for the convergence.

Because of the special rate numerous members of each region booked longer periods of stay (before and after the rally dates of 5-12 March).



Meet & Greet - Sunday 5 March

Registration per Region took place at the Sentinel Hall.



Each member was welcomed by representatives of their region.



Karel & Ansie Leimecke from Norhtvaal



Friendly representatives from KNZ



Chairman from the different Regions each has a turn to announce their region's rally milestones and birthdays.

Northvaal March birthdays of members present at the rally:



Miles O'Reilly, Dawid Mouton, Elaine Pakes, Vaughn Pakes, Lionel de Vos & Garth Wilson. All congratulated by Karel Leimecke, chairman of Northvaal region.

Northvaal First Rally attendees



Mac Barnard & Gigi de Man



Johan & Estelle Beukes



Pietman & Johanna Greeff

Antonie & Karen Brown also attended the rally for their first time, but due to health reasons they had to leave early and were not available for a photo.

Rally Milestones

Congratulations to Clemens & Susan Venter with their 75th rally.




Congratulations to Jim & Liz Williams with their 200th rally.



Jim is one of the founder members of the Motorhome Club of South Africa.


MONDAY MORNING

The program of the week:

SUNDAY 5th 


Arrive during the course of the day and set up camp

- From 16:00 **Registration** (collect your token from the tokens tables) – **SENTINEL HALL**
Welcoming Sherry will be served (please bring your own sherry glass)
Receive steak for Wednesday night braai
(Supplied by the Motorhome Club)
- 17:00 **Welcome Meet and Greet - Host Region KZN - SENTINEL HALL**
Bring a snack platter and your drinks
Presentation of Rally milestones & the month of March Birthdays
(Each Region Chairman)

MONDAY 6th 

Free time to partake in the many activities offered by the Resort and surrounding area / Rally Activity Program

- 10:00 **INFORMATIVE TALK** by ATKV Drakensville Management about activities in the surrounding area – **SENTINEL HALL**
- 14:00 One hour Craft activity (see separate detail sheet – hosted by Free State)
- No Planned Meal for the evening

TUESDAY 7th 

Free time to partake in the many activities offered by the Resort and surrounding area / Rally Activity Program

- 18:00 **VETKOEK & CURRY MINCE - SENTINEL HALL**
Supplied by the Motorhome Club
Bring your own cutlery & crockery, drinks & snacks
 - Host Regions: KZN / Free State

BINGO EVENING (hosted by ATKV Drakensville)

A Drakensville representative hosted an informative talk about the activities and history in the surrounding area. Drakensville also offers organized tours to the different historical places in the area. 10 Members of the club attended the first tour which took place on Tuesday morning.

Vetkoek Evening

KZN & Freestate hosted the vetkoek evening. Vetkoek and mince were provided by the club. The tables were decorated tastefully and a high standard was set for the rest of the weekend.

Serving points were offered from both tables and the members all agreed that the vetkoek and mince were very tasty. Thankyou to Moira Friess from KZN who arranged the purchasing of all the ingredients.



Moira very proud of the ladies who helped with the KZN table



The "orange" freestate table was just as beautiful



JP & Rita Geldenhuys and Elna Groves prove that we all enjoyed the vetkoek evening.



BINGO EVENING


The Bingo evening was hosted by ATKV Drakensville. Ottie was the bingo master and we all enjoyed his humor and the way the game was presented.

Northvaal won two of the three prizes at the Bingo evening



Well done Karel & Vaughn

The rest of the week's program:




WEDNESDAY 8th

Free time to partake in the many activities offered by the Resort and surrounding area / Rally Activity Program

- 17:00 *Fires to be lit* - ALL REGIONS to send representatives – SENTINEL HALL
- 18:00 *Steak Braai* (steak handed out during registration on Sunday)
Fires, Pap & Saus by kind donation of ATKV Drakensville
There will be limited wine and fruit juice available.
Bring your own cutlery & crockery, drinks & snacks


LIVE MUSIC arranged by the Resort



THURSDAY 9th

Free time to partake in the many activities offered by the Resort and surrounding area / Rally Activity Program

- 11:00 Putt Putt Tournament
- Lawn games – Contact KZN Eileen
- No Planned Meal



FRIDAY 10th

Free time to partake in the many activities offered by the Resort and surrounding area / Rally Activity Program

- 18:00 **BUILD A BURGER – BERGSIG HALL**
Supplied by the Motorhome Club
Bring your own chairs, small table & cutlery & crockery, drinks & snacks
 - Host Regions: Noordvaal / Mpumalanga

WEDNESDAY EVENING

All the Jimny's parked opposite the Sentinel hall for a "Jimny party". 40 Jimnys were counted. Camera and drone footage by Alan Morton, Mac Barnard and Dawid Mouton.



All enjoy the fresh air while the Jimny's had their own party:



Steak Braai

The motorhome club provided the steaks to each member. Drakensville kindly provided the fires and pipe and sous.



Our 'fire makers' ATKV post matrics



What will a braai be without our handsome men around the fires?



Line dancing with the excellent live music by James.

Thursday Mini Olympics

KZN initiated mini-olympics and Northvaal & Free State entered teams in the following sport - Putt-putt, ladder ball, boules, yatzee and table tennis.



Vaughn, Cathy, Erina & Pieter represented the Northvaal team in putt-putt

GREAT THANK YOU TO OUR PHOTOGRAPHER DAWID MOUTON



Dawid the photographer with Elna playing ladder ball for Northvaal
Ladder ball team for Northvaal was Ed & Elna and Lionel & Ina



Spectators at the boules



Ari, Jay, Adriana & Hendrik represented the boules team



Yatzee:



Elaine and Herma represented Northvaal in Yatzee. Herma was the overall winner, congratulations!



Gary & Chris our table tennis champs

Friday Build-a-Burger Evening

The build-a-burger took place at Bergsig hall. Northvaal & Mpumalange helpers "braai" the patties on a gas plate - 200 of them. Thankyou to Hansie who transported the big gas plate all the way from Pretoria.



Northvaal & Mpumalanga were the responsible regions for the burgers. Again, the tables were prepared beautifully to serve the burgers. We all enjoyed the evening.



PROUDLY NORTHVAAL



On Saturday, everyone enjoyed the last day of the rally. Devotion took place on Sunday.

Most of us left Sunday morning early

UPCOMING RALLY:

Motorhome Club of South Africa
Northvaal Region

DE RUST - DINOKENG
21- 23 APRIL 2023

RATES PER STAND
R250 / stand / night (2 pensioners)
Extra persons:
Adult - R125/night
Children under 12 - R50/night
7 nights special - R1295

First National Bank
Cheque Account
MCSA Northvaal Region
Branch Northcliff - 253705
Account No: 62050581472
Reference: YOUR NAME
Email Proof of Payment to:
mcsa.northvaal@gmail.com

BOOKING CLOSE:
8 APRIL 2023

Lap dogs allowed prior to arrangement
Your dog must be kept on a leash for the duration of the rally

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