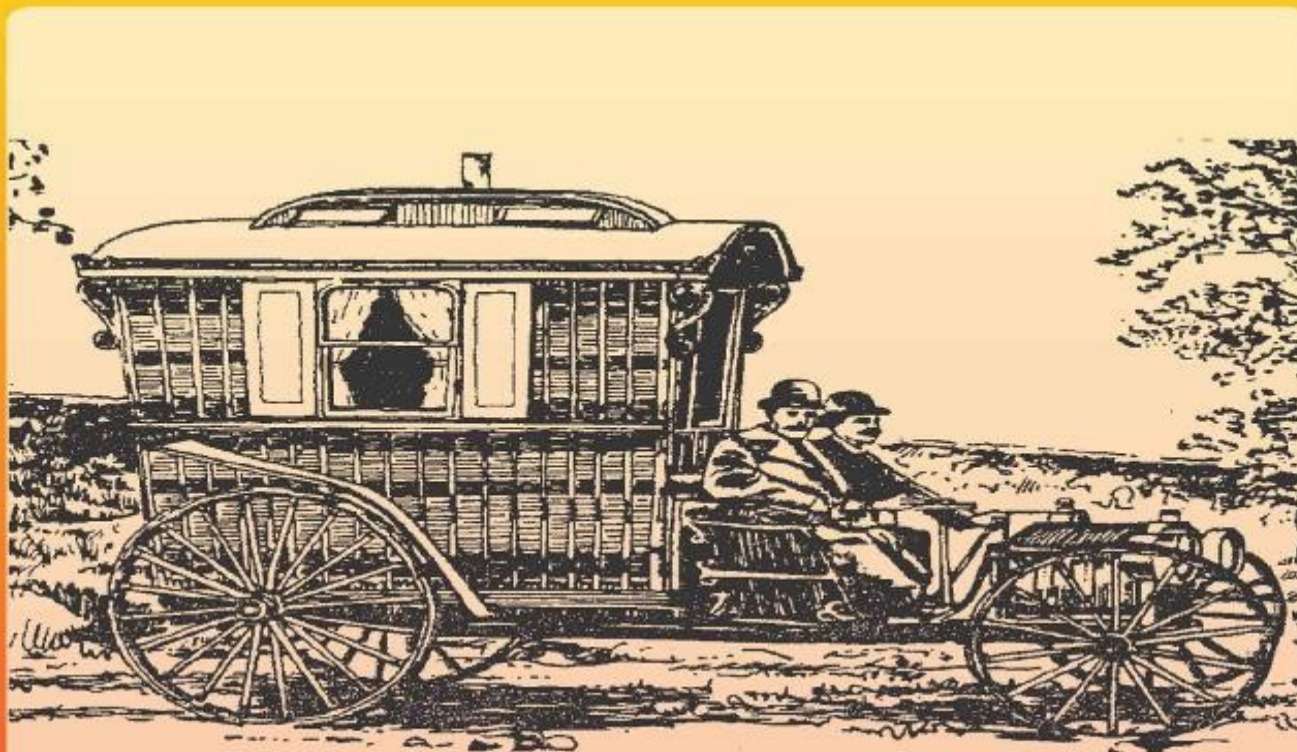




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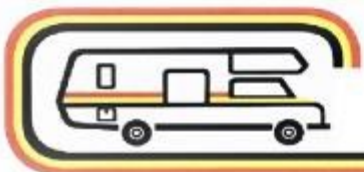
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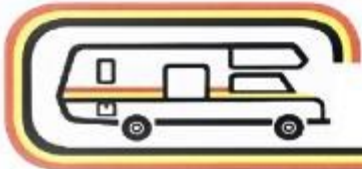
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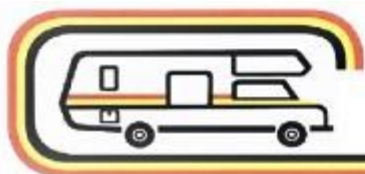
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## EDITOR'S REPORT



Greetings from a warm and beautiful Tshipise. We are here again for 5 months to escape from the winter in Gauteng.

The resort manager, Hanno Oosthuizen, has again offered a special to all motorhome club members for August 2024. Please refer to the invite on page 8.

You are welcome to join us on a National Winter Break-Away Rally from 1 to 14 August in Tshipise.

Ingesluit in hierdie 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 webblad 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.

We are looking forward to the National convergence rally which will take place during October this year at Gariep. It will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and preparations have already started.

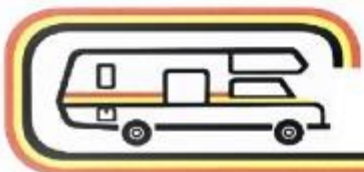
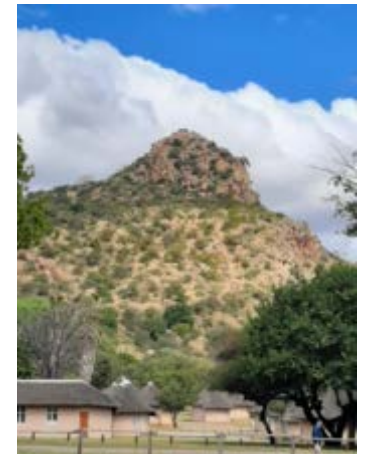
We are also organising a bowls rally to Gariep. More info will be sent out shortly.

Stuur gerus jul grappies en kampresepte, ek sal dit graag publiseer.

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.

### **Motorhomer regards**

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We returned home after spending 3 weeks in the wonderful summer climate of the Lowveld, where the daytime temperatures were in the low thirty degrees, to a chilly Free State, it was a bit of a shock to the system but hopefully we will acclimatize soon. We visited the Kruger National Park with the Mpumalanga Region on their well organized Kruger Tour with fourteen other motorhomes. All the tourmembers eagerly took part in the three competitions they ran. We also met

with twenty odd motorhomes from Northvaal Region at Satara camp for a three day overlap on their Kruger Tour, always a pleasure to see old friends. Subsequently we visited ATKV Eiland Resort near Tzaneen for a few days to relax in their warm water pools and spa. The Freestaters now hibernate for the cold winter and will start rallying in September again, fortunately there is the National Rally organized by Northvaal at Tshipise from 1-12 August coming up.

Ek het op uitnodiging van Dennis Bouwers van Motorhome-World die 3de Mei by hul Bobotak in Boksburg aan 'n potgooi opname deelgeneem . Die uitsending sal waarskynlik net na die verskyning van hierdie Motorhomer uitgawe beskikbaar wees. Dennis is besig om 6 opnames voor te berei wat die motorwoonwa arena dek in Suid-Afrika. Ons het ook gepraat oor die moontlikheid van 'n meer gemotiveerde uitruilskema tussen eienaars van moterwoonwaens in Suid-Afrika lokaal en in die buiteland. Ek het onderneem om die inisiatief met die streeksvoorritters te bespreek met ons volgende zoom ontmoeting.

Until the next edition of the Motorhomer travel safely and attend the upcoming regional rallies with great enthusiasm, remember to join other region's rallies when travelling. I leave you with a few camping quotes, make the best of it (Posted in RV Miles by A. Epperson).

CAMPING IS THE ANSWER, WHO CARES WHAT THE QUESTION IS.

LIFE IS BETTER BY THE CAMPFIRE.

MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS, BUT IT CAN BUY A RV WHICH IS THE SAME THING.

TRAVEL WELL, TRAVEL OFTEN.

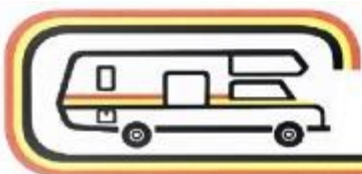
NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST.

CAMPING IS ALL ABOUT WHEN MOMENTS BEGIN MEMORIES.

IN EVERY WALK WITH NATURE ONE RECEIVES FAR MORE THAN HE SEEKS.

Groete

Willie van Heusden  
*Nasionale Voorsitter*



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## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome all new members to the Motorhome Club of South Africa, as at May 2024

Ons verwelkom alle nuwe lede tot die Motorwoonwa Klub van Suid-Afrika, soos op Mei 2024

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COERTZEN, Johan

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GERICKE, Tish

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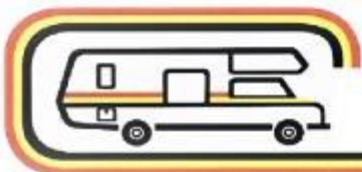
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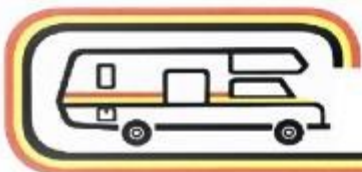
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## REGIONAL REPORTS

### **EASTERN CAPE**

#### **GAMTOOS FERRY HOTEL (15 –17 MARCH 2024)**

*Verslae deur Elaine Pakes*

The Eastern Cape region was able to offer two rallies to their members during March 2024. Louis Wolsink arranged a mystery tour to Keurbooms and surprised the Garden Route region with a convoy of 8 motorhomes. Refer to a separate report for this rally. For those members who were not able to attend the Keursbooms rally, a rally at the Gamtoos Ferry Hotel was arranged. 12 Motorhomes attended the rally at Gamtoos.

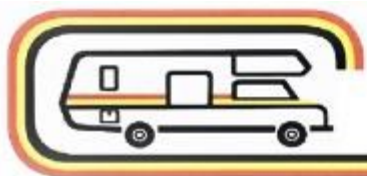
#### VRYDAG MIDDAG “MEET & GREET”



Die verwelkoming deur Pieter het Vrydag middag onder ‘n boom plaasgevind. Die groep het besluit om eers Saterdag oggend die Gazebo’s op te slaan. Die kleiner groep wat teenwoordig was, het sy eie besondere dinamika.

Joco en Dorette het vriende saamgebring en ons almal het sommer baie vining die vriendelike geselskap van Josef en Suzette geniet. Hoop om julle by ‘n volgende rally te sien! Ons is almal baie bly om Riana weer by die rally te sien. Die vorige rally moes sy haar vierpoot kinders oppas. Riana... ‘n rally is “leeg sonder jou”. Dankie vir al jou reelings en die tokens en verjaarsdag geskenkies wat jy altyd gereed het. A warm welcome to our new members attending their first rally. Jaco & Suzanne, we are looking forward to see you at the next rally. The marshmallows around the fire late Saturday evening were special. Sorry for those who left early, you have missed out!

Ook welkom aan Jakkie. Mens kan sien jy is ‘n “ou kamper”. Dit is lekker om jou by ons te verwelkom, terwyl manlief houwerk doen.



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Congratulations to Vaughn & Elaine Pakes who both celebrated their birthdays during March. Malcolm Serrao celebrated his birthday on 22 March, but was not present at the rally.

#### CHAIRMAN'S TEA – SATURDAY MORNING 11:00

Gazebo's word opgeslaan vir die geleentheid. Almal werk hard, ons wonder hoekom staan Jaco eenkant en hou die pale vas? Jaco dra jy jou deel by of "PLA" jy net?

#### KOEK EN TEE

Die eetgoed is alweer meer as genoeg. Wendy se skinkbord met die "Paas tema" het nie ongesiens verby gegaan nie.

#### SATERDAG AAND BRING EN BRAAI

Pieter pak die vure aan en elkeen bring sy eie tafel en stoele en eetgoed. Daar het bietjie reën begin val en die gazebo's het skuiling gebied vir almal. Lekker geselsies het oral plaasgevind en ons het Leon se rugby stories met al sy wedervaringe saam met die Springbok rugbyspelers geniet.

#### STIRRER OF THE MONTH

Ons wonder wie gaan die Gamtoos lepel kry? Pieter sal dit by die volgende rally aankondig. Is dit Anet wat haar rondomtalie een draai te veel gevat het? Gelukkig het sy niks oorgekom na die harde val nie!



## **KEURBOOMS Mistery Tour with GARDEN ROUTE (14 –17 MARCH 2024)**

The Eastern Cape region was able to offer two rallies to their members during March 2024. One rally was arranged by Louis Wolsink - a mystery tour to Keurbooms and a surprised the Garden Route region with a convoy of 8 motorhomes.

### VERTREK DONDERDAG 14 MAART

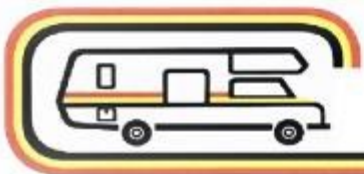
6 Motorhomes het Donderdag 14 Maart uit Port Elizabeth vertrek op die Keurbooms Mistery Tour.

Die eerste groep het by die Windfarm op die N2 net buite Port Elizabeth bymekaar gekom. Daarna is almal na Mentors Kraal, buite Jeffreys Baai en die laaste groep het daar by hulle aangesluit.



Die groep het rustig verder gery na Stormsrivier Village. Iets te drinke en te ete is by Marilyn Monroe Restaurant bestel. Glenise en Johnny het die memoirs van die restaurant geniet en het terug verlang aan die goeie ou dae van Twist en Rock 'n Roll saam Elvis.

Ons het ongeveer 17:30 by Keurbooms gearriveer. Daar is toeters geblaas toe ons by die Lagoon aankom, en die Garden Route lede het ons 'n gulde ontvangs gegee. 'n Paar verbaasde gesigte het ons dadelik gehelp met gerieflike staanplekke vir ons motorhomes.



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## AMPTELIKE VERWELKOMING

Donderdag was ons verwelkom deur Jackie Theron en ons het lekker saam gekuier. Lampies (Voorsitter van Garden Route) het ons almal Vrydag middag officieel verwelkom.

## SUNSET CRUISE

'n Paar van ons het op die ferrie vir 'n sunset cruise op die rivier gegaan. Die kaptein het ons 'n baie insiggewende lesing gegee oor die geskiedenis van die riviere n die plante en bome in die omgewing. Well done Uli Glatz vir die reelings hiervan.



## ARCH ROCK

'n Paar manne het die gety en stappie na Arch Rock aangepak. Die stap was warm en uitputtend en almal het 'n heerlike lafenis met 'n koue biertjie daarna geniet.

## SONDAG KERKDIENS EN OGGEND TEE

Lampies, Vooristter van die Tuinroete het 'n toespraak en bedankings gehou na die kerkdiens Sondag en oggend tee en koek is geniet. Louis Wolsink wil aan almal wat hom ondersteun het met die Mistery Tour bedank. Hy het dit baie geniet en vertrou almal het.



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## ***PINE LODGE BAZAAR (19 – 21 APRIL 2024)***

We have the best Bazaar ever held by the Easter Cape Region. The aim of this rally was to raise funds for the Gariep 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour that will take place in October 2024.

### VOORAF BEPLANNING

26 Motorhomes het bespreek vir die Bazaar rally. Elkeen het genomineer wat sy bydrae vir die bazaar sal wees en was ook verantwoordelik vir die opstel van hul eie tafel en versierings.

Die belangstelling was enorm en daar was van 'n roomys masjien, fudge, vetkoeke, koekies, jaffles, koeke en bazaar poeding.

### VRYDAG AAND

Almal het deur die dag arriveer en die meet en greet het soos normaalweg in die saal by Pine Lodge plaasgevind. Met die organisering van Wendy was die tafels reeds uitgepak in die saal en reg vir die Bazaar wat Saterdag oggend sal begin.



Almal gereed in die saal vir die verwelkoming deur ons Voorsitter, Pieter Didloff.

### WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Pieter welcomed Billy en Debbie Swart at who attended their first rally with the Easter Cape Region.



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## KUIERGASTE

John & Helen Osmond bly in Cross Ways en het op uitnodiging die rally bygewoon. Hul het dit baie geniet waarna hul by die klub aangesluit het.



## NAAM PLAATJIE

Jakkie is 'n ou kamper wat voorheen aan die karavaan klub behoort het. Sy kom vrou alleen met haar motorhome nou saam ons kamp en op die foto oorhandig Pieter haar naamplaatjie aan haar.



## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following members with their Birthdays during April:



Val Meintjies



Marlene Cantor



Garnett Cantor

Lede wat verjaar het in April: (maar nie gekamp het nie)

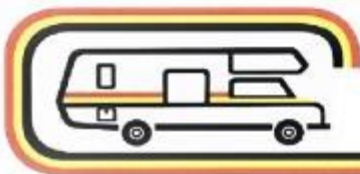
20ste - Patricia Gilbert

28ste - Fatima Scholtz

Huwelikshedenkings:

21ste - Garnett & Marlene Cantor

29ste – Ronnie & Marietjie Meintjies



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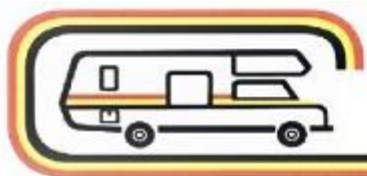
## SATERDAG OGGEND BAZAAR

Die Bazaar was 'n reuse sukses met elkeen wat **meer** as sy bydrae gelewer het.

Baie dankie aan elkeen.

## SPOON PRESENTATION

Val Meintjes received die spoon for "Stirrer of the month".





## ***VAN STADENS RIVER MOUTH (17 - 19 MAY 2024)***

Alle “spore lei na Van Stadens. 25 Motorhomes attended the rally. On Friday evening Pieter welcomed everyone present. A special welcome to our new members: Rian & Fatima Scholtz attended their first rally and Johan and Helene Osmond who attended their second rally and are now members of the motorhome club.



**Rian & Fatima**



**Johan & Helene**

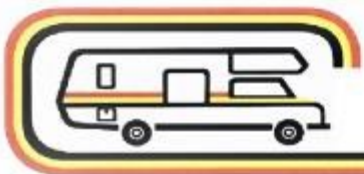


A warm welcome back to Ralph, Crystal and children – long time no see. We are glad that you decided to come and camp again, and we hope to see you all again at the next rally.

Baie dankie aan Riana wat vir elke vrou ‘n moedersdag geskenkie oorhandig het.

### SKRIFLESING EN GEBED

Baie dankie aan Andre en Oudie wat weereens vir ons ‘n baie spesiale boodskap gebring het.



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RALLY MILESTONE

Baie geluk aan Kobus en Denise Redelinghuys met jul 25ste rally.

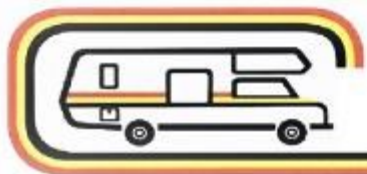
NAAM PLAATJIE

Pieter oorhandig 'n naamplaatjie aan Jenny Pillay wat 'n gereelde kamper saam met Elize is.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following members who celebrated their birthdays during May:

2- Louis Wolsink, 5 – Basil Evert, 11 – Annet Ferreira, 14 – Caren Petzer, 22 - Callie Bosch, 27 – Marlene Bosch, 29 – Jeanine Marias



OPSLAAN VAN CASIBO's

John het gesorg dat die opslaan van die Casibo's makliker verloop deur die "STATUE POSE". Ons waardeer jou waardevolle bydrae tot die opslaan van die Casibo's John! Jou 2 meter plus lengte is beslis tot ons voordeel.



SATURDAY MORNING CHAIRMANS TEA

Again, the tables were packed with the most delicious food. Pieter thanked everyone for their contribution and discuss possibilities for the mini tour to Gariep



LAWN GAMES

With the organising of Louis a group of people played Boules and Grass Darts. The enthusiasm and competitive spirits were high. Our spectators made the games even more spectacular.



STIRRER OF THE MONTH

Louis Wolsink receive the spoon for month of March for organising the Mystery tour and Caren Petzer for the month of May. Caren was it a baby or a box of wine in the babychair?



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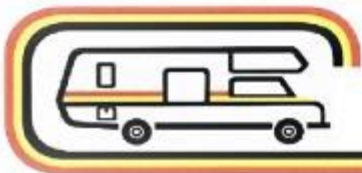
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# FREE STATE REGION

## UMFULA (8 - 10 MARCH 2024)

*Verslag deur Jan van Zyl*

Vrystaat streek het gekamp by Umfula buite Parys.

Ons was 10 ryhuse die naweek wat in lieflike wer langs die rivier gekamp het.

Ons was baie beïndruk oor hoe goed en netjies die kamp was. Vriendelikste personeel wat ons nog by 'n oord ontvang het.

Heerlike koue en warm swembad asook water glybaan vir kinders. Kroeg en kafee is ook op die perseel en personeel se diens is uit die boonste rakke.

Heerlike Put-Put baan onder koelte bome vir almal om te geniet.

Tydens ons heerlike kamp is daar ook besluit om die Kersfunksie van die Vrystaat-streek by Umfula te kom hou.

Sondagoggend was die eetgoed weer vanuit die boonste rakke na boekevat.

Charles Barker het die trofee as kamper van die naweek ontvang. Hy doen uitstekende werk en altyd behulpsaam met reël van kampe en niks is vir hom moeite nie.

Van die kampers het Sondag vertrek en ongeveer 5 het besluit hulle vertrek eers die Maandagoggend.

Ek glo almal het die kamp naweek geniet en soos gewoonlik as dik vriende uitmekaar gegaan.



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## **KLIPDRAAI, MEYERTON (12 - 14 APRIL 2024)**

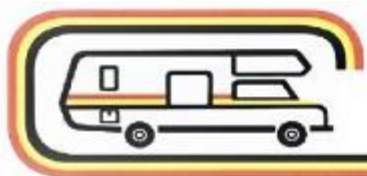
*Verslag deur Willie van Heusden*

Dit is Vrydag 12 April en 10 ryhuise arriveer by Klipdraai. Ons verwelkom nuwe lede van Potchefstroom, Willie en Cornelia Pruis. Die winter is in aantog en die dae byt nog vas aan die laat herfs temperature, maar die aande koel redelik vinnig af, veral aangejaag deur die gebruiklike laat middag ysige briesie.

Klipdraai is `n pragtige oord, ook onlangs aangewys deur ons karavaan mede-kampeeders as die top-oord in die land en daarvan kan ons getuig. Sedert ons laaste besoek vier jaar gelede met die nasionale AJV is daar `n groot verandering onder die nuwe eienaarskap van Gioletjie Nieuwoudt wat die oord twee jaar gelede gekoop het. Die staanplekke is goed gemerk met baie spasie tussen die rye. Daar is `n nuwe dak oor die verhitte swembad waar die stoom saans glimmend gehang het. Die diere by die ingang van die oord dra by tot die atmosfeer, `n plek waar jy kan rus en ontspan.



Vrydag skop af met die gebruiklike groet en gesels, ons kuier lekker saam. Hansie en Sonja bederf ons met sjerry en worsbroodjies. Dit is Hansie se 375-ste rally, voorwaar `n mylpaal, die sjerry loop lekker en verdryf die koue. Saterdag vertrek ons na die gewilde Swaggas, `n bier en gin brouery en distillery met spyskaart op die R59 sowat 14 km vanaf Klipdraai vir brunch. Die bier en gintasting borde word goed ondersteun. Die middag steek ons die vure vroeg aan en braai heerlik saam. Dit is heelwat warmer en ons kuier heelwat later voor die beddens ons roep.

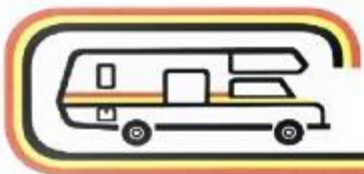


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Sondaggend na die geestelike boodskap drink ons tee en koffie met die gebruiklike lekkernye deur die dames voorsien, soos gewoonlik is daar te veel om op te eet, maar ons kla nie.



Ons gaan kyk vir oulaas na die diere by die ingang en die eienaar nooi ons vir `n wildrit na sy wildtuin teen halfprys. Hierdie rit plaas die spreekwoordelike kersie op die koek van `n nog `n suksesvolle kamp.



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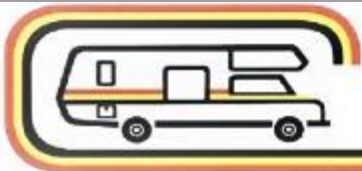
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# GARDEN ROUTE REGION

## KEURBOOMSTRAND, PLETTENBERGBAAI (14 – 17 MARCH 2024)

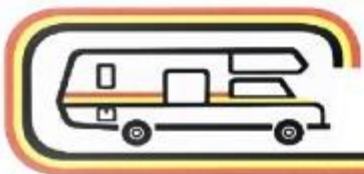
Verslae deur Uli Glatz



Die Keurbooms Lagoon Karavaanpark was die venue vir Maart 2024 Rally . Dié Karavaan Park is geleë teen die walle van die Keurboomsrivier, sowat 10km oos van Plettenbergbaai. Die park is gewild vir groepe en ons het dit alreeds 'n paar keer besoek. Teen Donderdag agtermiddag was daar alreeds 14 RV's bymekaar en ons het soos normaal laer getrek in die toegekende staanplekke op die terrein.



Jackie Theron en Louis Wolsink van Ooskaap Streek het vir 'n verrassing gesorg, deur 'n "Raid"- besoek van Oos-Kaap Groep na die Tuinroete rally te reël. Keurbooms was 'n lekker halfpad merk vir altwee groepe. Donderdagaand het 7 RV's van Ooskaap by ons aangesluit. Ons was eintlik 23 RV's bymekaar. Daar is inderhaas na belangstellendes gesoek om vir 'n "Sunset Cruise" Vrydag namiddag op die Keurbooms Ferrie te gaan. Teen halfvyf is 20 van ons weg na die Ferrie se vasmeerplek. Ons bedank Russel, die (skipper vir 23 jaar) van die Keurbooms Ferrie wat vir ons dié geleentheid beskikbaar gestel het, en vir al die waardevolle inligting, wat hy gedeel het.







Oos-Kaap Groep



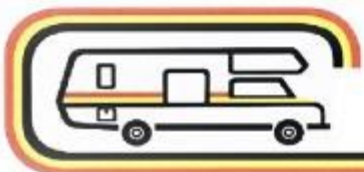
Keurbooms Ferrie Rit

Vrydagaand was dit dan burger-bou-aand. Die vrouens het voorbereidings gedoen terwyl die mans die burger patties gebraai het.



**BURGER BRAAI**

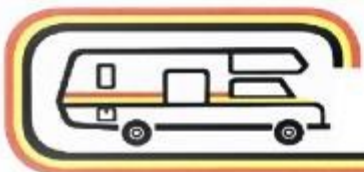
Saterdag was kuier-tyd en daar is boulé en veertjiebal gespeel terwyl ander in die dome gesit het en games gespeel het. Namiddag het van die groep wat na Arch Rock anderkant Keurboomsstrand gestap. Ander het maar net rustig gekuier met 'n boek of 'n bier in die hand.





**Arch Rock** : Is dit dié ene of daai ene of is dit dalk dié anner ene!!

Na die uitstappie na “Arch Rock” het ons ‘n biertjie gaan nuttig by die Enrico Pub & Grub. Saterdag is gebraai. Na Sondag se oordenking is daar om ‘n tafel gesit en is koek en tee genuttig. Lampies het ‘n woord van dank uitgespreek voordat daar opgepak en gegroet is tot ‘n volgende keer.



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## KAROOWATER, CALITZDORP (17 - 21 APRIL 2024)

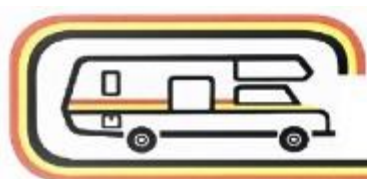


Karoowater is 'n Gasteplaas geleë tussen Calitzdorp en Oudtshoorn en sowat 'n halwe kilometer vanaf die Calitzdorp Spa.

Hul verkry die warm water ( $\pm 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) vanaf die bron. Dit word gepomp na hul binnemuurse swembad.



Gedurende die verloop van Woensdag en Donderdag het 12 Garden Route en 14 Wes-Kaap Motor Homers by Karoowater aangekom vir ons April Maand Rally. Ons het die "Dome" Tente opgerig sodat die meer as 50 mense lekker kon saam kuier. Jackie (waarnemende GRMHC voorsitter) het die Wes-Kaapenaars (onder Leiding van Athna) verwelkom.



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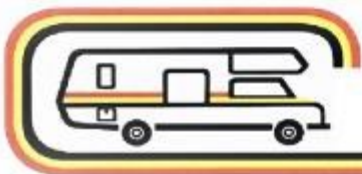


Onder leiding van Jackie het die GR-kookspan Vrydagoggend 'n Brekkie-en-half aanmekeer geslaan.

Die hele kamp het, soos by die kospotte van Egipte gestaan en geskep, en toe is daar gesmul.



Die Vrydag namiddag is 'n hele span na Karooater se Super Tube. Die bad is koud maar die buite temperatuur het by 30° C gaan draai. Eers is daar goed nat gemaak. Uli het leiding neem om te wys hoe dit gedoen moet word. En toe is daar in alle verkillende posisies teen die glybaan afgegly. Vier beoordeellaars het elke gly aandagtig waargeneem, om te bepaal wie is die Dames en Mans se Karooater Glybaan Kampioen. Daar was mos 'n prys om te wen!



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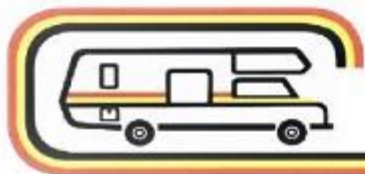


Die Vrydagaand is daar gebraai en pryse uitgedeel (die Wes-Kaap is aangewys as die Super Slide Kampioene) Uli & Marianna Glatz het hul 25ste Rally-balkie gekry.

Saterdagoggend was Sportdag. Party het deelgeneem aan die Boule en Hangbal, terwyl ander Canasta en Yatzi gespeel het. Namiddag het die oord vir die hele groep koffie en beskuit bedien in hulle restaurant en sommiges het toe sommer daar rugby gekyk. Die dag is afgesluit met 'n braai en 'n gesellige saam-sing aand.



Die naweek is Sondag afgesluit met 'n oordenking, gelei deur Jackie. Daarna is koek en tee bedien, deur die lede wat in April verjaar het.



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## ISLAND LAKE, WILDERNESS (9 –11 MAY 2024)

Verslag deur Uli Glatz

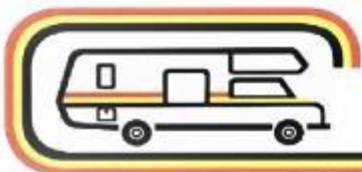
Halfpad tussen Wilderness en Sedgfield op die N2, draai mens af na Hoekwil. Op die oewers van Island Lake lê die vakansie oord. Op Donderdag oggend, 9 Mei 2024 het 12 RV's gearriveer om die naweek langs die Eiland Vlei se waters deur te bring.

Watter lieflike kampeer weer het ons ondervind tydens dié Rally. Die beste sonskyn en amper windlose periode wat ons nog hierdie jaar gehad het. Die groep het die "dome tent" opgeslaan en elke aand is daar vleis gebraai en dinge het sommer vlot verloop. Johan Erasmus was die "Firemaster" vir die naweek en Karel Hancke het hom gehelp.



Ons het die mooi weer benut en heelwat buitemuurse aktiwiteite het plaasgevind. Daar is Boulé, Hangbal en Veerbal gespeel. Saterdag was 'n paar van ons na die Sedgfield se boeremark waar daar lekker ge-ontbyt is. Die namiddag het 'n paar mense na Hoekwil toe gery om hulle lekker **kaaskoek** uit te probeer.

Saterdaggaand is Ockie & Louise Fourie se 75ste Rally's balkie aan hul oorhandig. Sondagoggend het Jackie die oordenking waargeneem. Daarna is daar opgepak en gegroet tot 'n volgende keer.



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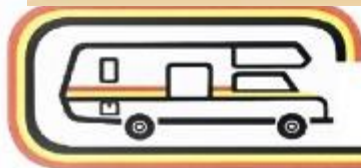
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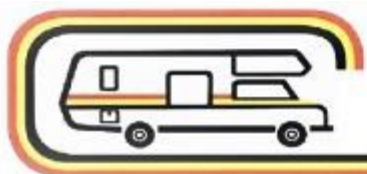
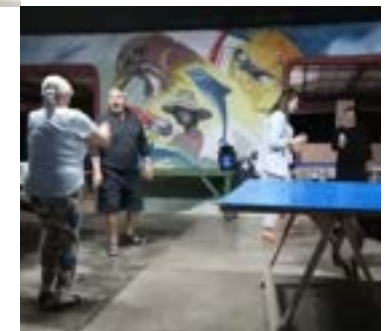
## PARADISE HOLIDAY RESORT, SOUTHBROOM (16 –18 FEBRUARY 2024)

Report by Eileen Shaw

Once again this was a first time Rally venue for most of our attendees. Rosemary and I were the only ones who had been there before and (thanks to our rally tokens) we know we were there in October 2013.

Ten motorhomes attended this year and once again the family atmosphere was prevalent the whole weekend. Billy & Ruby only arrived home from Japan the day before the Rally and Thero & Lynette nearly didn't make it because of repairs to their motorhome. Moira was recovering from an op and should have been resting but, as usual, she was not!

The sites were on different levels and all maintained to perfection, as were the ablutions – we even had unisex ones! The swimming pool and surrounding area (although we didn't use it) was lovely. Our hosts were Laraine and Willie and they couldn't do enough for us. I know I speak for all of us here at KZN when I say if you are ever down this part of the world you must make a point of visiting this lovely Resort!



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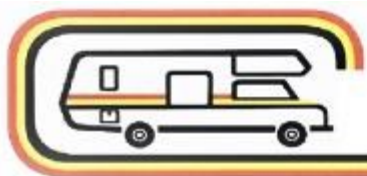
Some motorhomers arrived on the Thursday evening and enjoyed a special cocktail evening and I am sure lots of fun was had by all (unfortunately I only got there on Friday so missed out on this).

Our Friday meal was prepared by Martin & Maxine – delicious wors rolls with fried onions and various sauces. We were all undercover on the Friday evening with a large room next door which had darts and table tennis for the more active members and room for dancing for the more energetic members (and plenty of chairs for the chatty ones).

The resort boasted an outdoor chess area (I don't think anyone made use of this either) but the pool tables were utilised on the Saturday as were the table tennis tables again.

The weather was kind enough to allow us to have a lovely outdoor braai on Saturday evening. I have to say our evenings are becoming longer and longer as the months go by!

Most of us left on Sunday and all arrived home safely.



## **UMLALAZI, NORTH COAST (15 –17 MARCH 2024)**

*Report by Rosemary Harlow*

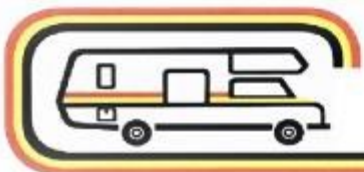
This park is one of my favourites, natural scenery and the sea and river are just a walk away as well as various forest trails to hike on.

Some of us got there on Thursday and the rest arrived on Friday. On Friday evening Bob and Vani had prepared a delicious curry and rice for everyone. It was in celebration of their birthdays of the previous month. We all sat outside their van and really enjoyed ourselves and several members went back for seconds. Thanks Bob and Vani, your curries are delicious!

We saw zebra and buck just walking around the campsite (and a lot of us following them to get good photos). I went on a walk to the river and the boardwalk there. I think there must have been some storms as parts of the board walk among the trees were damaged along with the stone benches and tables at the side of the river. It still makes a good walk though.



**Curry evening**



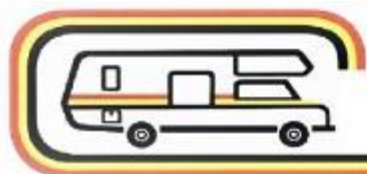
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The next day some of us walked to the beach where there was a good deck with tables and benches. We had some birthday cake and snacks from Attie and Lynette on Saturday morning and we all sat around and relaxed enjoying their celebration. In the evening we had a large braai and luckily rain held off until much later when most people had gone back into their vans.

On the way home on Sunday I learnt that in future I must fill up with petrol at the nearest place. I decided to drive on the freeway until I got to the big petrol station and only just made it with very little petrol left!! Looks as though the older we get the more we have to learn!!

It was a wonderful rally and so good to meet new members, Gary & Cecelia and Martin and Precilla, as well.



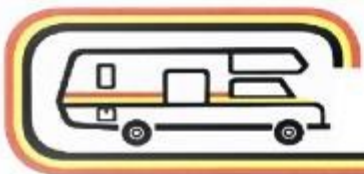
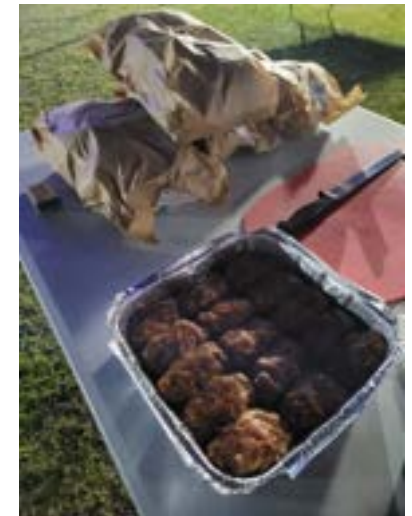
## **BEEHIVE, GREYTOWN (19 -21 APRIL 2024)**

*Report by Maxine Hunn*

Beehive Resort in Greytown was a new venue for most, if not all, of our rally members that attended the weekend away in April. We had the resort to ourselves with the exception of a few day visitors.

The resort campsite is on a large grassed area and has nice facilities including a putt putt course which a few tried their hand at.

Our weekend kicked off with being served a delicious meal that no one could pronounce, by Pete and Jen.....Ćevapčići with rolls and a German mustard speciality. It was really good and was enjoyed by all.



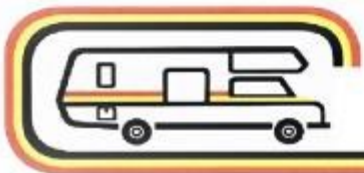
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Despite having issues with their Motorhome on the way, Zandy and Jan made a plan and joined us in their fully kitted over-landing vehicle to stay over, and hand deliver a delicious home made chocolate cake that sufficed for both morning tea as well as dessert after our evening braai.

After a few late afternoon lawn games and with the chill of the coming winter in the air, a wonderful evening was spent braaing and socialising around the firepit.

Once again it was a great rally with great food and wonderful times spent with our Motorhome family.



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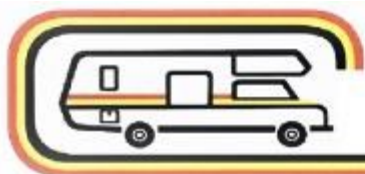
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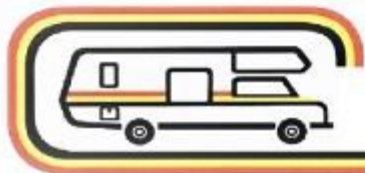


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# MPUMALANGA REGION

BEZRUS, WITBANK (15 - 17 FEBRUARY 2024)

Report by Evelyn Mocke



On Thursday afternoon John Acutt arrived...

The radiator of his car bust  
Because of a stone, and not dust.  
Motorhomer, Dirk Venter  
Took them to a radiator centre.

On Friday the radiator was put back.  
'New words' were used, hopefully not to be abused!

On Friday, late afternoon, Hansie and Sonya arrived,  
With Retha (Hansie's sister) just behind.

She bought herself a motorhome  
So, in South Africa she can roam.



Hansie and Sonya sponsored the supper that night  
Salad, gravy and 35 MARDER'S pies were just right.



Alain and Estelle are new to the club  
With Mpumalanga oldies, shoulders did they rub.



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On Saturday morning, on the grass, ball games were played.  
 Ladder ball, Boules and grass darts,  
 Were all played in different parts...  
 Under the big willow tree, near the dam, close to the motorhomes,  
 Wherever there was space, everybody participated in the race.



Noble was the champion of the day!

Ernie Velthuizen, is a fisherman of note,  
 All kinds of fish were on his hook,  
 Luckily we didn't have to look them up in a book.



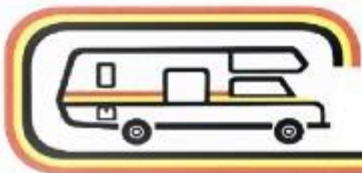
Saturday afternoon was boiling hot,  
 Most of us cooled down in the pool,  
 For a beer, cider, or cold drink, we did drool.



Saturday evening, we got together for the weekend braai,  
 Boerewors, chops, chicken and steak  
 Potatoes, beetroot, pasta and beans  
 For a lovely get-together,  
 We enjoyed the company of one another.



Sunday morning was time for Christo's reading ar  
 To bid us farewell and a very safe trip,  
 Till the next rally where we will meet  
 Where a beer or wine (or tea and coffee) we w





Meet and greet



Alain & Estelle



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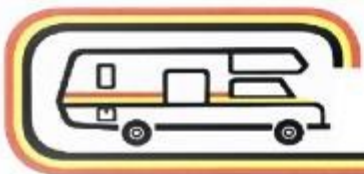
Playing grass games



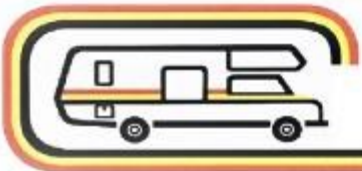
Lit up cross during Easter time



Duvha Power Station near Bezrus









## Mpumalanga Kruger Tour 2024

Report by Anton Fourie

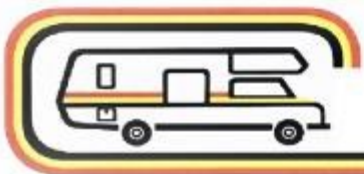
### Kiaat : Sunday 5 May 2024 – Hulle kom van heinde en verre

Die langverwagte Kruger Toer begin – en, soos altyd, is dit ‘n blye weersiens van (ou en party ouer) gesigte en lekker om nuwe nuwe mede – motorhomers te ontmoet. Kiaat is a hidden gem even us Lowvelders didn't know about. Evelyn surprised us all at the welcoming get-together, knowing all 30 people on the tour's names. Her teaching background obviously helped her. Our "in-region" pastor, Gert, delivered the type of sermon I enjoyed like the poles you chose for paal-PT during my stint as a National Serviceman – short. Evelyn ran briefly through the programme for the tour, and it immediately became clear we were in for a lot of fun, especially with the treasure hunt. We were served some exquisite cupcakes and koeksisters, and any ideas about a braai disappeared right there and then. Our group also had members from Noorvaal and a few from that far-away country called the Vrystaat, including Willie, the national chairperson. An early evening was called for since some of the motorhomers had a long day.



### Skukuza : Monday 6 May 2024 – Da system is down

Entering at Phabeni was not as simple as it would normally be, because of IT issues. Arriving at Skukuza was even worse – we had to find a site and sort ourselves. The early dinner at Skukuza Golf Club was amazing. Good service, great food and a lot of laughs. The monkeys stealing sugar sachets entertained the people not living in the "Slowveld". A lot of fun was had, and we reluctantly had to leave to get back to the main camp before the gate closed. Brave souls like Piet Smith and Peter Promnitz made a fire and had a braai. Piet was so gaaf om ons aantreklike buurvrou te bad, toe sy 'n prop soek, maar hy chicken toe vining uit toe hy hoor dis om haar kind te bad. The rest of us chilled and got ready for the next day's drive.



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**Satara : 7 - 11 May – A-frame issues, clueless tourers and a shortage of power points**

As we left Skukuza our A-frame separated. With the kind assistance of Pine and the use of duct tape (an essential item in any motorhome) we were soon on our way again. At Tshokwane we had a very nice breakfast – still one the greatest picnic spots in Kruger. Onwards we travelled. Plenty of game was seen, especially at waterholes.



Yours truly wasn't feeling great, swollen legs etc. As we approached Satara I wanted a cold beer and my better half an ice



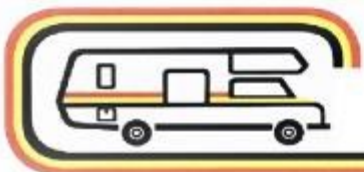
cream. I pulled into Satara, found a parking place and rushed to the shop. There I walked into Gert, who told me Martie was checking in. To my surprise (and relief) I learned we were first staying at Satara for 5 nights, not Letaba... Old age is not for sissies. The scarcity of power points caused us to stand rather far apart, losing the sense of "community" so universal amongst the clan.

A braai was organised, and we were visited by a few fellow Noordvaal motorhomers among them Miles and the effervescent Laetitia. A lot of stories were exchanged and laughter was common. Satara is blessed with a great location with a multitude of roads that allow you to take circular drives. In addition, there are three lovely picnic sites nearby. A breakfast outing to

Nwanetsi was decided upon, and a great time was had by all.

Game viewing was fairly good although cats were rare. Hopes were high that Casper, the white lion that usually hangs out on the road between Satara and Olifants, would be seen, but no luck. There were some interesting sightings though, including a black mamba. We were fortunate to see a large family of lions what just caught a wildebeest and Veronica was in her element, clicking away.

A second breakfast outing was arranged to the Timbavati picnic site – another great outing. Deon Conradie turned 65 and invited us to taste his homemade liquors as a starter before dinner at the Cattle Baron. Sadly Antie Zelda and Johan had to return home as she was feeling really sick. The good news is she is feeling a lot better already.



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**Letaba : 12 - 16 May – Thieving monkeys and noisy hyenas**

Letaba is in thick mopani country, and the still-green vegetation made game-viewing challenging. Even so, Maurice and Muys were fortunate to see leopards!

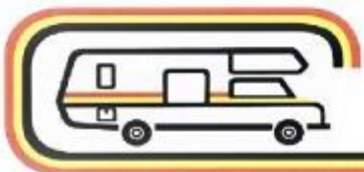
Many of us were happy to just sit around, chat and enjoy the amazing birdlife and the antics of the tree squirrels and dwarf mongooses. Peter se oorskiet pap is opreg waardeer deur die neushorings en spreekus. Die kleinkolmuskeljaatkat het ons gereeld besoek om seker te maak oorskiet word nie gemors nie.

Letaba is infamous for thieving monkeys, and they were out in full force. Everything edible disappeared in no time. Martie bak ciabatta vir almal, en toe hoor ons die vrome en kuise Martie kan ook vloek – toe aapman die brood gryp skel sy hom en gryp so vinnig terug hy kon met net een snytjie wegkom! Ons het ook gesien dat Piet eintlik baie ratser is as wat hy gewoonlik voorgee om te wees. Hy laat val 'n rasher, gryp home en slaan hom teen die braaier se poot skoon, gaan spoel hom af en sit hom terug op die rooster voor die ander brand!

The communal breakfast at Makhadzi picnic site was a hit. Peter showed off his racing driver skills when a grumpy elephant bull started advancing – his Jimny raised more dust pulling away than the elephant did throwing dust over himself. The same elephant then did a slow “protest march”, holding up Willie and Madelein for 3km. Breakfast was a “moerby” affair, and the variety was amazing and delicious.

Piet treated us with skaapstertjies as a starter one night while Muys made a huge pot of spaghetti bolognaise – feasts both of them.

Willie arranged a guided tour through the elephant museum that was enjoyed by one and all. We were all sad as we started to pack for the next day's trip to Skukuza, more so because a few were returning home via Phalaborwa and Willie and John were off to the Eiland resort. That night we had an excellent dinner at the restaurant, memorable since one waiter served all of us very well. The “Grey Rangers” took the treasure hunt very serious – map books were scrutinised, the internet was extensively consulted and information exchanged. Wednesday night arrived and Evelyn presided over the “merit awards”. – A black tie event!





Gert opened with a prayer and things got under way. Evelyn rightfully noted that we were all winners just for being there. Each and everyone received a small prize – and Evelyn had a little story about everyone. Veronica won the overall prize and the coffee mug will be a treasured memory of a great tour. She is a keen observer – as the remarks were incredibly accurate. Gert thanked Evelyn for her strong leadership and the braai fires were lit for the last braai of the tour. Hyenas were extremely noisy that night – it sounded like two clans were having a battle.

### Skukuza : 17 May – The end is in sight

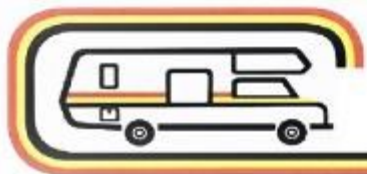
Early the morning we hitched our vehicles, except for Muys who is wary of elephants and Susan must drive the Jimny and set off for Skukuza. We made a stop on the bridge over the Olifants River for the last chance to see something, although nothing “special” was seen.



A pit stop at Satara gave us the opportunity to stretch our legs and get something from the shop. Tshokwane was jam-packed, but the service was still good.

The monkeys and baboons were as big a nuisance as ever.

It was Friday night, and Skukuza was choc-a-bloc. A last dinner overlooking the Sabie River was enjoyed and we decided to exit the Park at Kruger Gate as it should be faster to get to Hazyview than through Phabeni. Wrong – the traffic is hectic and when we arrived at the filling station close to the Phabeni turnoff, I saw a car and caravan that must have used the Phabeni Gate.



## Skukuza : 18 May – White River – Old cars and nuts

Earlyish we were on the road again. At Kruger Gate we said goodbye to Miekie and Pine who wouldn't make the stop at the car museum at Casterbridge. The museum brought back some long-lost memories and Peter took photographs of the boot rack on an MGA similar to the one he's restoring. Muys het ons vermaak met sy stories in die inry saam met Susan in 'n Austin soortgelyk aan die een in die museum... Moenie komkommer Muys, what is said on tour stays on tour! From there we travelled to the factory shop on the outskirts of White River. The local economy was boosted with some serious shopping. The convoy then left for the Joubert farm stall to buy juice and the divine orange syrup koeksisters.

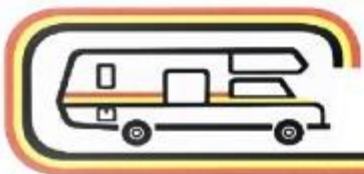
### Personal perspectives and memories

The tour was well-planned by Muys and very ably led by Evelyn. She has the personality and leadership skills to take the Mpumalanga Region to great heights.

Ek het baie van mense geleer. Rina is 'n uitlander, sy sit haar veiligheidsgordel aan in die wildtuin! Noble staan nie terug by Gert as dit by 'n gebed kom nie. Muys se Susan kan gesels – en baie lekker.

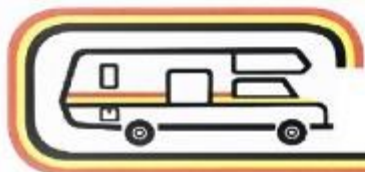
Piet, Gert en Muys is vasbyters, al drie is al meer as 50 jaar getroud! Ernie is 'n mieliebraaier van format. En so kan ek aanhou...

Een en almal – dit was wonderlik en ek glo almal sien reeds uit na die volgende Kruger Toer – Oom Muys, jy moet begin beplan asb!



## PLAATJIE OORHANDIGING – DIRK'S PLACE

Mpumalanga se eerste plaatjie van kampplek goedkeuring is op **24 MEI 2024** oorhandig aan Dirk's Place. Ons was guldelik ontvang deur Gwen en Martie. Na die oorhandiging het hulle ons bederf met lekker eetgoed en sap/koffie wat weereens 'n bewys is van hulle gasvryheid en hulle toewyding om vir hulle gaste dit 'n onvergeetlike ervaring te maak.



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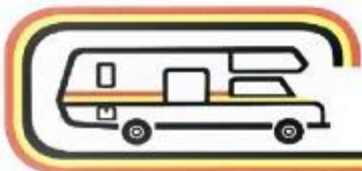
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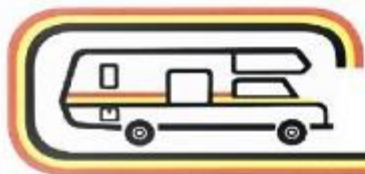
# NORTHVAAL REGION

## BLOEKOMPOORT (15 - 17 MARCH 2024)

*Report by Marian Bezuidenhout*

For many of us Bloekompoort was a first-time camp destination. No surprise – there are many tall blue gum trees. We were impressed by all the facilities, e.g. four function halls. That is not all, we were not the only campers but one of at least three other groups, one of which was the Boere Orkes Gilde! They came along with all their instruments and we were regaled with lots and lots and lots of music.

There is nothing spectacular about Bloekompoort but everything that is necessary for a good camping experience are there. Their rates were certainly very affordable. We were also kept up-to-date with load shedding times.



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The Friday Meet & Greet was led by Dawid Mouton, our new chairman. It is always a happy event, especially seeing all present and catching up with news. The birthdays of Dawid Mouton, Val Swanepoel and Philip van der Merwe were celebrated.

Saturday morning started with early music bands playing song after song and, as long as there was music there was dancing. They didn't mind us motorhomers peeping in to watch. As usual, fires were built and lit at 5pm and we all gathered for a "bring & braai".

Sunday morning there was a change to the usual programme, as we first had breakfast which was catered for by the Bloekompoort staff. At R50 a head we were treated to a scrumptious breakfast – real value for money.



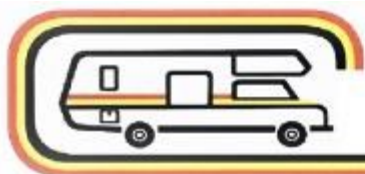
Thereafter we had devotions where Linda McDougall gave us an insightful message on Prayer. As we just had breakfast, the Chairman led us straight to the closing comments.

Donations were made to the CANSA tin.



The wooden spoon was awarded to JP, right side up, for suggesting Bloekompoort as a camping venue.

Thank you to one and all for making this another memorable weekend!



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## **HARTBEESHOEK NATURE RESERVE (25 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH 2024)**

*Report by Eddie & Estelle Fourie*

Op Sondag 25 Februarie breek ons eerste midweek rally aan vir 2024 na Hartbeeshoek in Noordwes net buite Brits. Hartbeeshoek Natuurresewaat is ryk aan voëllewe en verskeie wildspesies. 23 Motorhomers trek net na 12 uur in en kry hul staanplekke reg en ingerig.

Our usual meet and greet is held by Ari while Herma handed out the tokens. The following special highlights were mentioned

Our National Chairman Willie van Heusden and his wife Madelein were welcomed all the way from the Free State.

Our newest members were welcomed

Bryan & Carol Thompson – first rally

Eddie & Elize Thiele – second rally

Johan & Debbi Tempelhoff – second rally

Bert & Elbie Stols – third rally

Chris & Alida Lourens – fourth rally

Die volgende is gelukkigwens met hul verjaarsdae in Februarie

Bryan Thompson (3 Februarie) Linda McDougall (8 Februarie) Herma Korver (11 Februarie) Loekie Snyder (24 Februarie)

Richard Clark (our oldest member on this rally at 88 years) received a special award for his 125th rally

The week was memorable with lots of free time which members filled with hikes, swimming in various pools and numerous “kuiers”.



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Dinsdag is almal bederf met vetkoek en konfyt. Spesiale dank aan Marsha en Estelle vir die maak van die deegbolle, Eddie vir die platslaan van die deeg op die skinkborde en Noël vir die meesterlike bak van die platgeslaande deeg.

Wednesday was a very relaxing day with groups gathering everywhere in spite of very high temperatures.

On Thursday 7 members joined Ari for an enjoyable morning of bowls at the Brits bowling club.

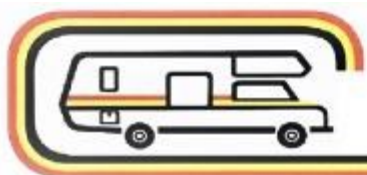
Thursday evening the traditional bring and braai was held and the “kuier” went on and on. A very enjoyable evening to end our midweek.

Vrydagoggend het almal gepak en gegroet en stuk-stuk vertrek huistoe. Almal het n heerlike ontspanne week beleef.

Special comment:

Special thanks to Nowell and Ari for arranging another superb midweek. There is no doubt that these rallies are highly supported, very cost effective and provide ample time to explore the area as well as getting to know other members.

Nowell and Marsha indicated their intention to be on the road for a year. Noël’s role as the initiator of these midweeks, will surely be missed. With reference to the aforesaid, Ari asked for thoughts on a replacement for Nowell to assist him with organizing future midweeks as soon as Nowell and Marsha’s plans fall into place.



## ONVERWAGS (19 - 21 APRIL 2024)

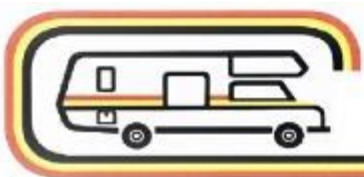
*Verslag deur Ari Korver*

Having last enjoyed a rally at Onverwags seven years ago, 17 motorhomes arrived on Sunday 14 April. Each arrival was personally met by the resort manager Rina, making us all feeling very special. The staff in general were fantastic, taps were placed wherever requested. Fancy braai stands were placed at each motorhome. Such an improvement over our last visit, enabling us to spend a full week of relaxation. After spending some time setting up camp in the stifling heat, a number of groups could be seen congregating and enjoying drinks together. It was not too long before the smell of smoke filled the air, followed by the scent of braaivleis teasing the taste buds.

By the Wednesday morning, the weather turned and it became cold, fortunately by Friday the weather had changed back into summer mode.



The week was spent lazing in the hot pool, sitting around chatting and the more energetic going for walks on the game farm.



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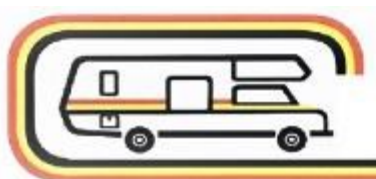
Gerrie Everts, Nakkie Theron, Marian Bezuidenhout, Clemens Palmer and Ilse van der Merwe were congratulated on their past or coming birthdays during April.

Buks ons nuwe lid is die nuutste pensioenaris en hy het die Freshly Pensioned Board ontvang.



Die grootste mylpaal, nie net in Noordvaal nie, maar in die Motorhome Klub, is behaal deur Hansie met 375 rallies gedurende die laaste sowat 24 jaar. Tydsgewys verteenwoordig dit ongeveer 2 jaar se tydperk van rallies of 8.3% van sy tyd sedert hy met motorhome kampering begin het! Dawid presented Hansie with his special token and a medal.

To celebrate this moment, Hansie and Sonja treated us firstly with champagne, packed into a 3-7-5 and then to a Build-a-Burger. Dankie julle, dit was heerlik.



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Saturday was spent simply relaxing. While some went for walks on the game farm, others swam and yet others simply sat chatting under the trees.

At 10 o'clock management of Onverwags treated us with the most divine cupcakes. What a spoil!

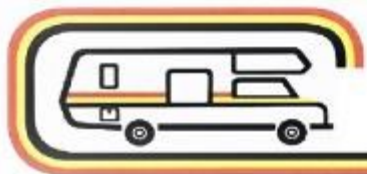


Laatmiddag is die vure in die boma aangesteek, lede het om die vure gesit en gesels en mekaar se teenwoordigheid ten volle geniet. Tot om die braaivure was daar lekker gesels.

Sunday morning Marsha led the devotions, this together with fabulous music made it a special time. After this it was unfortunately time for the last event of the rally, the Chairmans tea. Dawid thanked Hansie and Sonja for their huge effort in celebrating their special achievement. Marsha was thanked for the devotions and Ari for the music. After expanding on the events for the rest of the year, it was time to get stuck into the eats with tea or coffee.

The wooden spoon went to Herma for arguing with Philip that he did not know his own name. It was Werner and not Philip, she, unlike men who look at the boobs and don't see the name tag, looked at the beard.

In closing it was agreed that the resort had gone beyond what was expected and made our stay most enjoyable. It was unanimous that we return in future.



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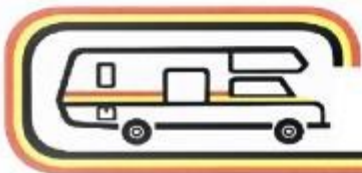
## **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (6 - 12 MAY 2024)**

*Report by Ari Korver*

After many months of anticipation and lots of arranging behind the scenes by Eddie Fourie (Our champion KNP expert) and Elmarié Mouton (our fantastic secretary en regte staatmaker) the time has come to depart for KNP. The week before our trip Eddie started to provide useful information on our rally WhatsApp group such as Borders, Info on place names, Water & Waste management, Tourism, Conservation issues, Roads and many more. For some of the items expert opinion was provided from old colleagues. Even for the more experienced Kruger Park visitor the information provided was very informative, excellent and “uit die boeke uit”! Time and research from Eddie are really to be commended and we can only all say THANK YOU SIR!!! As Richard Clark mentioned in one of his responses: “You are the most Conscientious tour leader we ever had!”

Before the time we arranged with Garth and Gill that we would travel together on this rally and as we do not wish to travel more than say 300 to 350 km a day, the decision is taken to first travel to Polokwane (3 May) where we stay over at “Boma in the Bush”. Lovely overnight resort just north of Polokwane where you get private ablution with your stand at a very reasonable price. Next day we travel through to Swadini (A forever resort) where our 2 organisers have arranged, at magic rates I need to add, we will meet with the majority of the group that will eventually go to KNP.

Sondag middag kom ons almal by mekaar sodat die finale reëlings getref kan word en om seker te maak ons kom nie almal gelyktydig by die kontrole punte in die park aan wat seer sekerlik kongestie sal veroorsaak.



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Maandag oggend ry ons, met twintig minute intervalle, weg van Swadini na Orpen hek. Soos blits gaan ons deur die hek by Orpen, met waar al ons besonderhede, danksy ons organiseerders, in plek is, asook dankbaar vir die besonder gawe personeel. Volgende stop Satara.

We spend four nights at Satara with daily trips to either the Orpen Gate, N’wanetsi Picnic spot, Letaba or Olifants camp. These trips are all done at one’s own time and leisure and with the congestions one experiences when there is a sighting along the road (mostly for three of the Big Five – Lions, Leopard or Rhino) I think we as group of 23 Motorhomes would for surely cause chaos if we all travelled together each day.

Monday evening, we are spoiled by a “presentation” from the Regional Game Ranger Steven Whitfield. This was an absolute exception by him only made possible due to his long relationship with Eddie as they worked together for a number of years. Steven made it abundantly clear that this is not his usual and will not be repeated. So we were in deed privileged. Although suffering from a nasty cold (later identified as part of the covid ‘family’) we are provided with a very interesting talk on his personal background highlighting his love for the park and things happening in the park. Thank you, Steven, for your unselfish time given to us!!

On Tuesday Eddie takes the “first time visitors to the park in our group” (first timers), on an extended trip to Letaba and Olifants and from the feedback received all were very thankful and appreciative of his input, wisdom and knowledge.



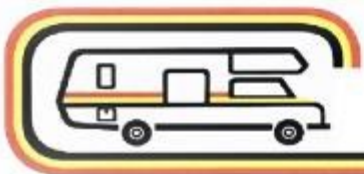
Die nuwelinge wat op pad is na Letaba en Olifantskamp as deel van die verkenning van die Kruger Wildtuin

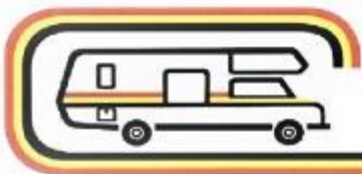


Die lewensgrootte olifantbeeld op Letaba



Eddie se jarelange vriend en Streeksveldwagter Steven Whitfield verras die groep met ‘n insiggewende praatjie oor die Kruger Wildtuin





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Voor ons ons oë kon uitvee is ons dae by Satara verby en reis ons af tot by Skukuza vir die volgende drie dae. Teenoor Satara is Skukuza 'n besige en vol kamp. Op pad stop vele van ons by Tsokwane vir iets om te eet of te drink en om Eddie en Estelle te groet wat weer terug gaan na Satara vir die res van die maand. Met die fasiliteite beskikbaar in die park is dit baie onwaarskynlik dat 'n mens van honger of dors sal omkom. Die plekke waar jy uit kan klim, om bene te rek en gou die kleinhuisie besoek, is almal van hoë standaard en die verversings is definitief aanbeveelbaar. The daily trips from Skukuza included Malalane, Pretorius Kop, Kruger Gate, Lower Sabi (with Nkhulu picknick where one can purchase the most amazing and nice thick milkshakes at great prices. If you ever get there, please try it!

At our campsite we experienced a honey badger (ratel) and a porcupine (ystervark) that scare the living .... out of you as they wander around in the evening scavenging for any food. I can promise you that an unexpected meeting with one of them in the dark is not funny although everyone else thought so. But one is in their environment and you must accept this and walk with care! No wonder Richard called it a "spyker vark" LOL.



Ontbyt op Tsokwana



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Monday morning comes to quick and after a lot of greeting and “see each other soon again” everyone slowly but surely leaves in their individual directions. Some to “die eiland”, others to next campsites in the park, others home and us four off to Badplaas for an overnight before we go home.

All in all, an amazing trip with the added bonus of being able to see the Big Five during our stay.

We cannot wait for the next one!!



Hendry by Oom Paul



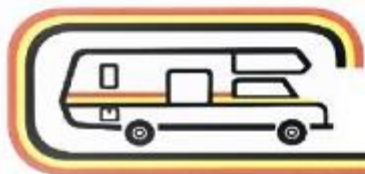
Below a picture from the whole group taken at Satara on the last day of our visit there. Unfortunately, Clemens and Susan had not received the message as their phones were using MTN and only Vodacom operates in the area. They have now been included by way of insert.



Eddie verduidelik aan Hendry en Charnette van die 7 grotes



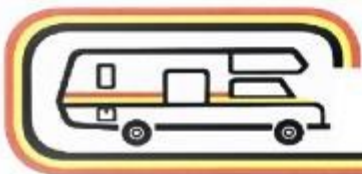
Johan se turbo is sterker as Chris s'n



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# WESTERN CAPE REGION

## OOSTEVAL, LANGEBAAN (15 - 17 MARCH 2024)

Report by Athna de Jager

The Weekend started early for some motor homers. Some arrived on the Monday prior to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Weather was excellent except for the wind at occasions.

But this is Langebaan. Early morning the cyclist gathered for a 27 km ride through Langebaan ending in the Golf Estate at the Clubhouse for refreshments.

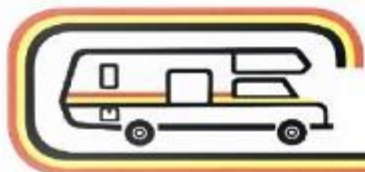
Die dag daarna het die stap groep n deftige afstand teen die strand aangedurf.

En as n stap route nie by n Coffeeshop insluit word nie is daar fout. Almal veilig terug by die kamp en heerlijk afgekoel na n stort. Daar was die wat kaart gespeel het en ander het gaan rus. Soos per gewoonte 15h00 is tyd vir Boule.

The competitors are serious and give there everything especially when teams are male against female. Never the less everybody enjoys the game. They are all winners.



17h00 uur begin die vuurmakers vure aan steek vir die aand se verigtinge. So begin die braai area soos n amfiteater gevul word. Die tyd van die dag is waarna almal seker die meeste uitsien of hulle is net honger. Vrydagaand was ingekluer deur die klub wat boerewors brood rolletjies verskaf het. Die Die Hards het weer eens gekuier vir dood. Die Motor home familie gesels en kuier of hulle mekaar jare laas gesien het.



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Some oldies background music brought back memories to many any enhanced the vibe of people having a good time.

Saturday the routine was repeated and had a group learning to salsa ect. The evening was a great success.

Birthdays that were celebrated were as follows:

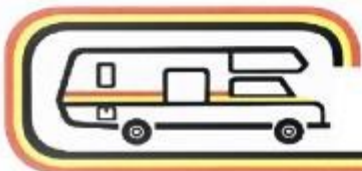
Talana Crous

Magaret Eliasov

Andre VD Merwe

Annatjie Hamman

Pieter Richardt



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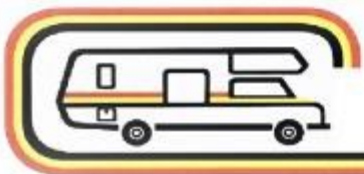
25 rally attendance acknowledgment was presented to Japie and Mari Dorflig.

Guest attendance was George and Annatjie van Der Merwe. They were well received.

Sunday morning after church service every one enjoyed delicious sandwiches and coffee.

The motor homers started departing in their own directions except for a few that stayed on for a day or 3 longer.

Once again it was a awesome rally just the way the Western Capetonians do it.



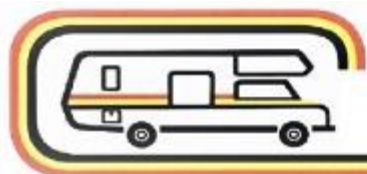
## **RIGGTON (16 - 18 APRIL 2024)**

On Tuesday 16 April 17 Motorhomes gathered at Riggton for our mid-week rally before we join the Garden route MHC for their monthly rally.

We had a new member who joined us, and we welcomed Ona Du Toit to the club. We had a great evening with hamburgers and ice cream and chocolate sauce supplied by the club. Lots of fun was enjoyed around the fires.

The next morning, we had a group of walkers and cyclist who set off for their journeys and all met up at the Hotel for coffee and tea and some had breakfast.

The afternoon Bole was played, and it was a tough competition between 2 ladies and 2 men teams, and the winners took each other on and the men came out winners.



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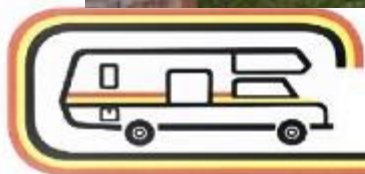
Clive had put together a lot of questions and we made teams of 3 to play the different games he put together. Tribal pursuit, vlinkdink and Pictionary. This was a first and was a winner for all.

We all enjoyed our braai afterwards.

Donderdag oggend het 15 motorhomes vertrek, vir die saamtrek saam met Garden route by Karoowater. Ons het deur die mooie Tradouw pas gery. Dit was asemrowend. Almal het in Barrydale koffie geniet.

Die rally het die Donderdag aand begin, met n welkom geselligheid. Ons het nog n nuwe paartjie wat ons Motorhome familie gejoin het welkom geheet. Sam en Joan Zaayman. Vure het heel naweek gebrand vir die braais.

Friday Western Cape had another Bole competition and this time the ladies was the winners.



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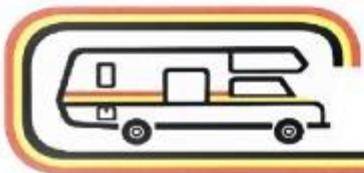
Friday and Saturday the cyclist set out for their morning rides. The area is so beautiful to cycle in.

There was a super tube competition the Sat afternoon and Western Cape won both men and ladies competitions. This was so much fun and was good to see Nadema participate as well. Laughter was heard all over the campsite,

Of Golden oldies having so much fun.

Sunday morning the Garden route group left but the Western Cape team stayed behind and in seconds we had a huge hail storm, but as the saying goes come hail or rain "NOU GAAN ONS BRAAI."

Hierdie samesyn van 2 streke was n reuse sukses en sal defenitief vorentoe weer doen.

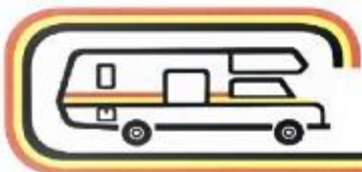


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## SILWERSTRAND (17 - 19 MAY 2024)

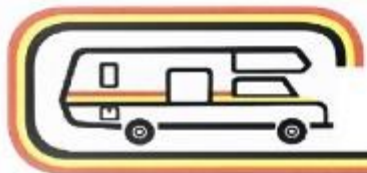
What a successful rally it turned out to be! Mare Louw was standing in for Athna – and she was a good choice ! Daar was 17 Motorvans. Die drie reuse 4x4"s het saam langs die saal gekamp en hulle kampvuur was amper heel dag aan die go. Die ander kampeerders het rondom op die grass en onder die bome gestaan. Die atmosfeer was wonderlik en die weer was perfek! Friday night Mare and Theo welcomed us all in the hall and started handing out gifts. Carolyn had achieved 75 rallies, Tinus and Beulah won the rally prize, Spilly, Colin and Marietjie received birthday gifts, Melt Hamman won the sponsored wine and Dale and Pippa won the sponsored gift pack. Then followed a delicious Butter Chicken and rice meal - Yum!! The club"s sherry was also temptingly put on the table for all to enjoy and the party was on!



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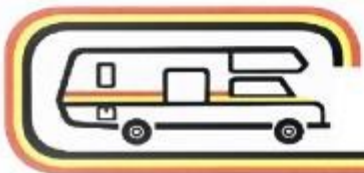
Die oggende was baie koud, met a dik mist oor die rivier, maar dan het die lekker warm sonnetjie weer uit gekom. Die aktiwiteite het vroeg begin, met die stappers lekker warm aangetrek op hulle oggend stap. Die fietsryers het vir die son gewag, voordat hulle gaan ry het. Daarna het Spilly en Erika, Mel en Colin lekker lank gaan rooi. Hulle kon goed sien hoe hoog die rivier geloop het. Beulah held a stretching /Pilates class on the lawn and it was great to see some men were also there doing their thing. At one stage all one could see were a whole lot of bottoms sticking up. Is that the meaning of "Hou die blink kant bo"? There was quite a lot of rice left over from Friday's meal, so Mare proceeded to make a huge rice pudding, which Louwtjie very capably cooked in their enormous black pot on the fire. It looked beautiful – and tasted even better. On request, Erika played her Ocarina at the evening braai and the members had a happy evening braaing their meat, sipping wine and chatting in groups. Meanwhile, all weekend there was a serious Rummicup challenge going on at Alan and Brenda's van. Many campers took up the happy challenge, but after all – Alan is still the Rummicup king.



Daar was ook „n Boule wedstryd. Die vroue teen die manne. Daar was taamlik lawaai en baie gelag! Die mans het die keer gewen. Goed gespeel julle - maar wag maar julle! Ha!Ha! Sunday's service was done by Alan and Daan.

There were some wise words spoken for us all to ponder on. Thank you guys! And then ....whoever heard of Malva pudding and custard for breakfast? Well we had it – and it was delicious!!

Erika received the yellow Tshirt for playing the Ocarina and providing the all important Vanilla essence for the rice pudding. Thank you to Mare and your team and also to all the campers, for a really fabulous weekend!



# RALLY CALENDAR - 2024

## MPUMALANGA

*Date*

*Place*

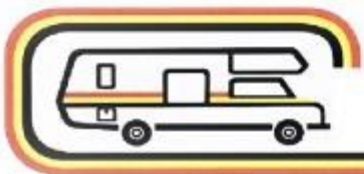
2 - 6 June	Sondela (Midweek)
26 - 28 July	Renosterkop
30 Aug - 1 September	Dinokeng
1 - 5 September	Willemsrus (Midweek)
16 - 20 October	Gariep (Nationale Convergence)
22 - 24 November	Lake Umuzi (Kers Rally)

## FREE STATE

*Date*

*Place*

4 - 11 August	Tshipise (North Vaal host)
12 - 23 August	Kruger National Park
13 - 15 September	Vegkop (Heilbron)
11 - 13 October	Tri-Hunt (Brandfort)
14 - 15 October	Gariep
16 - 20 October	Gariep National Convergence
8 - 10 November	Weltevrede





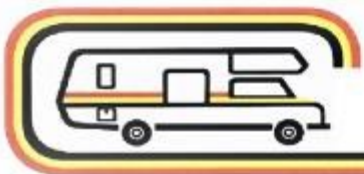
## RALLY CALENDAR (CONTINUE)

### GARDEN ROUTE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
6 - 8 June	Glentana
18 - 20 July	Lake Pleasant
22 - 24 August	Woodbourn Knysna
12 - 14 September	ATKV Hartenbos (AGM)
11 - 13 October	Karoorwater 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>
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



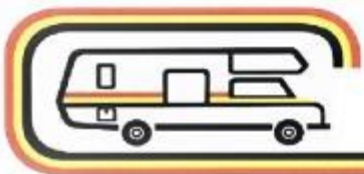
## RALLY CALENDAR (CONTINUE)

### WESTERN CAPE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
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

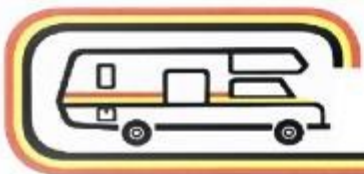
<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
7 - 9 June	St Lucia
19 - 21 July	Queensburgh
16 - 18 August	Happy Wanderers (AGM)
13 - 15 September	Morgenzon (Midmar Dam)
11 - 13 October	Glengarry
16 - 20 October	Gariep National Convergence
22 - 24 November	The Pont
December	No Rally



## RALLY CALENDAR (CONTINUE)

### NORTHVAAL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
7 – 9 June	Almega, Dinokeng
19 – 21 July	Konka, Magaliesburg
1 – 14 August	Tshipise (Winter tour)
16 – 18 August	Bass Lake
13 – 15 September	Dube (only weekend) AGM
15 – 22 September	Bowls Rally, Springs
4 – 11 October	Bowls tour to Gariep
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	Rietspruitdam/Kokoriba (TBC)
6 – 8 December	Nkwe/Bush-Inn (TBC)





## **From the moment you join the MCSA, you enjoy the following privileges and services**

### ***Sodra u by die MKSA aansluit, geniet u die volgende voordele en dienste***

A quarterly newsletter covering topics of interest to motorhome owners, in which members may place free advertisements pertaining to motorhomes.

Information on all aspects of motorhome insurance, and benefits from the special low policy rates to Club members.

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

*'n Kwartaallikse nuusbrieff wat onderwerpe van belang vir motorwoonwa-eienaars dek en waarin lede gratis kan adverteer met betrekking tot motorwoonwa-aangeleenthede.*

*Inligting op alle vlakke van motorwoonwa-versekering asook die voordele van die spesiale lae tariewe vir klublede.*

*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 gedragkode 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.*

