



4WD Club KZN
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TRACTION

From under the Elly's
Belly.

The year has raced by at an alarming rate, we haven't been to all the places that we would have liked to get to and it's time to organise things for the year end already, when do we take a break?
Take a look elsewhere in the Traction for details on this year's Christmas weekend, it promises to be a great weekend with a bit of a difference from our normal every year party. I am appealing to the members who could donate any form of prizes for the weekend, please do so, every prize will be most appreciated and help towards the success of the weekend. If you are able to donate something you can bring it along on the weekend or drop it off at the noggin or any one of the committee member's houses whenever it suits you.

The AGM has been set aside for Thursday 21st February 2013 and will take the place of the monthly noggin; it's early days yet but please diarise the date and support your club on the day.

As of lately a Gremlin seems to have crept into our Traction whereby the dates between the calendar and the dates promoting the event in the body of the Traction seem to differ, obviously causing inconveniences for our members. As a

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result we have removed the calendar meaning that the dates within the article promoting that particular event are the dates to go by.

I would like to add my apologies to all the members who were inconvenienced by the mix up in dates. - Carol Thompson

2012 Club Xmas Party

Date: Saturday and Sunday the 8th & 9th of December

Venue: Shongweni Killarney 4x4 track

Costs: Campers R50 per person per night plus R50 per vehicle per day
Day Visitors R25 per person plus R50 per vehicle

Program of events: Saturday 11h00 - 15h00 Gymkhana

17h00 light the fire

17h45 Gymkhana prize Giving

19h00 braai and party

Sunday 10h00 convoy leaves on 4x4 trail drive

13h00 to 13h30 briefing by committee

13h30 - 14h00 Awards hand out

14h00 Lunch is served

With the best interests of the club's members we have made a decision to return to Killarney this year as the venue just has so much more to offer than Tuckers on the south coast has. For those of you who have not been to

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the Killarney venue, come along for either the whole weekend or even just for one of the days, you will be pleasantly surprised by what the venue has on offer. There's a swimming pool for everyone, there's a big Lapa in case of rain, and there are an abundant of large shady trees and plenty of 4x4 trails and 4x4ing to be done. For the Gymkhana, each committee member will be putting together an exercise of their choice which will be completed by the members. Each vehicle is a team and will earn points as such. It's a whole lot of fun and includes the whole family.

Sunday's spit braai has become something of a tradition over the past 10 or so years and is a meal not to be missed, bring along your own utensils and we'll supply the rest.

Our club prides it's self on our code of conduct and the way in which all the members stick to it, let's keep it up for just one more weekend with no alcohol consumption before or during the driving side of things.

Directions:

From the N3 north/west take the Shongweni / Assegai (after the Marianhill toll) off ramp and turn left at the top of the off-ramp. From here on follow the signs to the Killarney 4x4 track.

We all look forward to seeing everyone there.

Gerald

*** OH No, Its Annual General Meeting Time ***

Date: Thursday 21st February 2012

Venue: Bill Buchanan Retirement Village Morningside

Time: 19h00

That's it folks, the unavoidable is, for one more time in our lives steaming towards us like an out of control steam train on a 45deg downward slope in the rain and with no brakes, and we are tied to the rails with nowhere to go. The AGM is kept

short and as sweet as possible, and to make matters more pleasant, the club will provide the fires and braai after the show is over. Please RSVP to Jennifer Govender by the 17th February. I know its early days, but things happen very quickly in the New Year and many go away over the hols and may miss out on the Traction.

The committee's status is as below.

Roger Stern	2 nd year	Standing down	Available for re-election
Trevor Wheeler	1 st year		
Kevin Govender	2 nd year	Standing down	Available for re-election
George Tutt	1 st Year		
Jennifer Govender	2 nd Year		Available for re-election
Gerald O'Brien	2 nd Year	Standing down	Available part time basis
Jaco van Zweel	1 st year		

During the course of this year, the committee has lost a few members due to unforeseen circumstances and it is sometimes difficult for the rest of the committee to just fill in and let things carry on as if nothing has happened. The following portfolio's need to be filled or are going to become vacant. Outings- currently vacant, Chairman- standing down, Conservation- vacant, Motorsport- looking for someone to work with and assist Kevin and then take over the portfolio, Secretary- somebody to work with Jennifer and then eventually take over portfolio, Traction-currently vacant. If you think you may be able to assist with any of the above portfolio's please contact one of the committee members and we can take it further from there.

Noggins November 2012

Date: Thursday 22nd November 2012

Venue: Bill Buchanan Retirement Village

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Speaker: Gerald O'Brien

The topic for this months' noggin will be a slide show and talk by Gerald on his recent trip to Mana Pools, Kafue, Kariba, Livingstone and Hwange. After the show we will have the fires going and have our usual bring, braai and dop.

Address of Bill Buchanans retirement Village.

No 1 Goodwin Drive, Morningside



Pic by Carol Thompson

Driver

I now have all
has done the
please
arrangements
New dates
2013's dates,
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Training

the certificates and cards for everyone who
accredited training course up until now,
contact me so that we can make
as to how we are going to get these to you.
will appear in the next issue of Traction for
both for the single day courses and the 2
accredited days.

Gerald

Outings

Hi there to all members,

We are planning on putting something unique on the menu for the Monthly Club outing in February. It will be the 4x4 clubs first mystery tour fun challenge. If the turnout to this event is good we might consider making it an annual event.

What it entails is that you will be handed a set of clues at the starting point of the event which will lead you to a certain location where you will then receive the next set of clues, much like you would see in the amazing race only with much less running and swimming... :-) The clues may include a crossword or soduko puzzle that must be completed and then used to unravel the next clue. It will not be a timed event, the only thing that will matter is the distance you travel, 'cause he who gets lost will soon crack up the kilometre reading. The team with the shortest distance would then win the event.

Due to the amount of organising that goes into such an event we would need

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for members to please show their interest by voting on the website poll or sending us an email in order for us to gauge the interest in the event. Registration for the event will then take place at the AGM next year in February.

So come on and bring the family for a fun day out.

Regards

Jacho



We have once again been invited by the honorary rangers of the Tembe Elephant Park in northern Zululand for a truly awesome weekend in the reserve under their guidance. You will get to stay in their camp and you will get to see parts of the reserve that Joe public never does. You will also have first-hand knowledge of the tremendous amount of hard work

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these honorary rangers put into the upkeep and improvement of Tembe. These rangers are driven by their tremendous interest and wellbeing of the reserve and rewarded by satisfaction at seeing the success of their hard work and commitment.

The weekend on offer is a fund raising event for the Tembe honorary rangers bringing in the much needed funds fund's in order to carry out the numerous projects on hand.

Numbers are limited so early booking is essential. The cut-off date for the weekend, which only comes up once a year is the end of December 2012.

Arrive Thursday 28th March and depart Sunday 1st April.

Accommodation and costs. All accommodation is self-catering.

There are currently 2 chalets available, each with 2 bedrooms and interleading door, 3 beds and mattress. Cost R1080 per person sharing for the weekend.

The camping costs are R825 per person for the weekend.

There are currently 12 places available, so as mentioned early booking for this will be necessary and certainly before the end Dec.

Please book through club member Gerd Rahmer on either 082 6510510 or alternatively e mail gerdra@ninian.co.za

See you there and enjoy the weekend.

Gerald

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Motor Sport

Below are the Broadcast times for Brits and Rustenburg 2012 National Challenge

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Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	25-Oct-12	17:00	17:55	SS7/SS7N	Premier
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	29-Oct-12	12:00	13:00	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	02-Nov-12	03:30	04:30	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	05-Nov-12	13:30	14:30	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	06-Nov-12	07:00	08:00	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	06-Nov-12	12:30	13:30	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4	2012	Episode 7 - Brits	08-Nov-12	14:00	15:00	SS6/SS6A	Repeat

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Challenge							
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 8 - Rustenburg	22-Nov-12	17:00	18:00	SS6/SS6A	Premier
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 8 - Rustenburg	23-Nov-12	09:30	10:30	SS5/SS5A/SS5N	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 8 - Rustenburg	26-Nov-12	11:00	12:00	SS7/SS7N	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 8 - Rustenburg	28-Nov-12	14:00	15:00	SS6/SS6A	Repeat
Maxxis National 4x4 Challenge	2012	Episode 8 - Rustenburg	30-Nov-12	09:30	10:30	SS7/SS7N	Repeat

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For the Braai fire

Kettle-braaiied turkey with dried fruit stuffing

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Ingredients

- 1 cup mixed dried fruit - chopped
- 125ml muscadel sweet sherry - or fruit juice
- 1 glug Finest extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion - chopped
- 4 cloves garlic - chopped
- 500g pork sausage - mince
- 2 bay leaves - crumbled
- 3 Tbs rosemary - chopped, or use sage
- 375 ml breadcrumbs - fresh
- 1 grated lemon peel
- 4 Tbs lemon juice

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1 Pinch salt and milled pepper

For the braai:

1 onion - sliced

1 carrot - roughly chopped

1 turkey, (about 5kg), rinsed and dried

1 cup PnP butter

Method

Soak dried fruit in muscadel for 1 hour.

Heat a glug of oil in a pan and fry onion until soft. Add garlic and fry for another minute. Cool. Mix onion, dried fruit and muscadel with remaining stuffing ingredients. Season well.

Loosen skin over turkey breast using your fingers or a wooden spoon.

Spread half the butter under the skin to cover breast. Place a quarter of the stuffing into neck cavity. Place remaining stuffing in body cavity. Truss turkey by tying wings, legs and thighs closely to body with a long piece of string.

Rub bird with remaining butter and season well. Light braai using enough briquettes to make a ring around inside of kettle

When coals are white hot, push to edges of braai and place a foil drip tray filled with 1 cup (250ml) water, onion and carrot in the middle.

Place grid over coals and tray and place turkey, breast-side up on grid directly above tray. Cover braai and open vents.

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Allow turkey to cook for 1½ hours without lifting the lid (don't open braai before 1½ hours – all the built-up heat needed for cooking will escape).

Add more coals and top tray up with water if turkey looks dry. Cook for another 1½ hours or until juices run clear when thickest part of leg is pierced.

Remove turkey and rest for 15-25 minutes before carving.

Just for a Laugh



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