

4 Wheeling

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Electronic Newsletter from the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa

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Advertising in the Club Magazine & Newsletter:

Editions of the magazine are issued for February, April, June, August, October and December. Electronic newsletters will be issued for the intervening months. Closing dates for all advertising is as follows:

Magazine: The last day of the month preceding issue, i.e. Closing date for December issue is the last day in October.

Newsletter: The last Wednesday of the month preceding issue, i.e. Closing date for November issue is 25th of October.

Hiring of Club Facilities at Base 4:

The Clubhouse, Conference Room, Lapa, Camping Site and Obstacles are all available for hire, together with Table Cloths. Plates, Crockery, Glasses and Bar Fridge. For details of costs please refer to a recent copy of the club magazine.

Hiring of Radios:

29 Meg Radios are available for hire. For details of costs please refer to a recent copy of the club magazine.

Licences for Namibia are available. Please enquire about other countries.

Important Items in March:

Sunday: 2nd	AGM of the FWDCSA. All members are requested to attend.
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th:	Outing to Berakah organised by Thorsten Schafer.
Saturday 15th:	Recovery Course organised by Jonathan Hartman.
Saturday 29th:	Standard & Advanced Driver Training organised by Jonathan Hartman.

There will also be Fence Patrols at Borakalalo and Pilansberg game reserves. Please contact Graham Bittle for details.

Outing to Moremi in June

Please note that at present, the Maun, Kwai Moremi outing has one space available. If you are interested in going, please give your names to Kim at fwdc@icon.co.za - First Come, First Served.

Urgent Message from Kim

Can the person who made this deposit to the FWDC bank account please contact the club to advise us who you are so we can make your booking for this trip

Deposit made on 31 January Description : Cheque deposit Bryanston, Korannagerg, Amount R 200

A TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE.

WEEK-END OUTING - BERAKAH - 15-16 MARCH 2008

This was originally going to be a Sunday trail on the 9th March, but I have managed something extra so hence the change in dates.

Saturday will consist of WHITE WATER RAFTING ON THE VALL RIVER, Camp at BERAKAH 4x4 ECO TRAIL on Saturday evening and then do the 4x4 trail on Sunday. BERAKAH 4x4 ECO TRAIL is near Parys within the Vredefort Dome, which is now a world heritage site.

The rafting is organized and run by Dolf of Ingwenya Tours. www.ingwenyatours.co.za <<http://www.ingwenyatours.co.za/>>

Cost is R304.00 excluding VAT per person. (if we are 30 or more price R296.00 pp)

There are 2 options for lunch. 1. Full lunch R65.00 P/P or 2. R28.00 P/P for sandwiches. Please indicate which one you want when booking.

Camping at BERAKAH on Saturday evening costs R35.00 per person. The 4x4 trail on Sunday is one of Drive Out's top 10 trails. The trail is 13 km's long in an unspoilt natural environment with varying degrees of difficulty.

Pass through open savannah, bushveld, riverbeds, mud, water, hill climbs and scenic mountains.

The trail caters for beginners to experienced drivers, offering leisurely to adrenaline pumping experiences.

This trail has been on our calendar before and has always produced an excellent day's adventure. The trail is not a "vehicle basher"

Please provide your own lunch on Sunday, which will be at the half way point.

For more information on this trail visit www.berakah.co.za <<http://www.berakah.co.za/>>

Cost of the trail is R200.00 per vehicle. Maximum 20 vehicles.

Booking can be made for the Sunday trail only, but preference will be given to those members wanting to do the River rafting.

Meeting times and details of what you need will be given to those attending.

Deposit of R500.00 will be required when booking. (We need to pay the operator the deposit ASAP)

Please book with Kim on 086 139 3272. fwdcsa@icon.co.za

When booking please supply your name, contact number, email address and vehicle details as well as how many persons in your party for the rafting and which lunch meals.

Thorsten Schafer

Outings Portfolio

MOZAMBIQUE OUTING

Extended outing to Ponta Malongane 5th – 13th April 2008.

After a very successful Scuba Diving/4x4 trip last September I have decided to go back to Ponta Malongane to explore the beautiful reefs and surrounding areas. Malongane is a holiday resort in the subtropical southern Mozambique right on the beach, an ideal family holiday. The week falls during the school holidays. Malongane is the place for divers, fisherman, shell collectors, bird watchers, 4x4 enthusiast's and family holidaymakers.

One of the attractions for me is that we don't go through Maputo and enter via Kosi Bay border post where 4x4 is engaged to get to the resort. There are bars and restaurants, and a bakery renowned for its fresh bread (Pao). All campsites are supplied with electricity and the water comes from a borehole and is perfectly safe for drinking.

Accommodation prices:

Log Huts – R 165.00 per person per day (2 available, sleeping 2) Total cost R 1320.00 per person.

Tents on ground – R 115.00 per person per day (4 available, sleeps 2) Total cost R 920.00 per person.

Campsite C35 – R 90.00 per person per day (8 Campers) Total cost R 720.00 per person.

Campsite C36 – R 90.00 per person per day (4 Campers) Total cost R 360.00 per person.

Campsite C38 – R90.00 per person per day (6 Campers) Total cost R 540.00 per person.

Diving Costs

1. Day Dives R200.00 each (paid in advance)
2. Night Dives R250.00 each (paid at resort)
3. Gear Rental from AHA Dive Centre – R210.00 (bc, dv & cyl)

We will depart on Saturday morning for Johannesburg and drive in convoy. If you wish to depart back to Johannesburg earlier than the full week that's no problem. We will do about 3 4x4 outings, the rest of the time is to dive, relax and enjoy the sea. Jet-skies are welcome and if fishing is your thing then bring your gear. All diving gear can be rented at the resort, and if you have always wanted to learn to dive this is your chance. Courses have to be booked in advance so please indicate if you want to make use of the opportunity. Prices for courses on request.

Booking for this great venue and holiday is via Kim at the club office on 086 139 3272 or email fwdcsa@icon.co.za <<mailto:fwdcsa@icon.co.za>>

There is a separate booking sheet for the Diving trips, so please use the one attached.

Payments must be paid in full, upon confirmation of booking. **CHECK WITH KIM FIRST FOR THE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABILITY BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR BOOKING AND PAYMENT.**

Accommodation availability is the only factor for the number of people wanting to go, but cannot be more than 34 people, so book now to avoid disappointment.

If you require any further info please contact me on thorsten@papergeni.co.za <<mailto:thorsten@papergeni.co.za>>

For dive related info contact Donald on whitear@telkomsa.net <<mailto:whitear@telkomsa.net>>

LONG WEEK-END OUTING TO KORANNABERG

26-28TH APRIL 2008

One of the new venues for the year. It has become a tradition since taking over the outings to do a trail in the Western Highlands of the Free State. Korannaberg/Van Zoelenshoek is a Drive Out magazine superior destination and was rated in the top 10 for 2006. It is situated 32km's from Excelsior, approximately 3 hours drive from Joburg. As it is along weekend the distance should pose no problem.

Stunning views, interesting sites and well designed facilities provide a back drop to a stunning venue. Rugged sandstone formations and exposed bedrock provide an exhilarating natural 4x4 experience. The trail is rated 3-5 but there are escape routes for less experienced drivers.

The trail distance is 45km and climbs to the Korannaberg plateau. The trail descends through narrow rock passages, between ancient weathered rock boulders. Passing breathtaking waterfalls, deep ravines and a number of caves and overhangs. The route has been constructed to minimize the risk to vehicles, and all bushes are kept trimmed back.

We will drive the main route on Saturday (arrival at the venue on Friday or Saturday morning) and then an additional route to the Canyons on the Sunday, returning to Joburg on Monday at your leisure.

The route will start 09.00 and ends around 16.00. Lunch will be on route. There are various types of accommodation available. The bush camp can accommodate about 20 vehicles, and is accessible for off-road trailers and caravans.

Trail cost which is guided is R200.00 per vehicle Maximum number of vehicles – 20 (including Me)

Accommodation costs:

Option 1 - Camping – R50.00 per person per night. Kids under 12 pay half price.

Option 2 - 3 x converted stables. Each room has 1 double bed and 2x3 bunk beds (sleeps 8) Cost R400.00 per night. This is a back-packer style accommodation with communal kitchen. Each unit has own toilet and shower.

Option 3 - 3x converted grain silos. Each silo has 2 rooms. 2 double beds and 1x 3 bunk beds.(sleep 7) Cost R 700.00 per silo per day.

Option 4 - Guest House. 2x ensuite rooms – sleep 2 – R300.00 per room per day. 2x ensuite rooms – sleep 4 – R450.00 per room per day.

It is extremely important to first check with Kim at the club office if the accommodation you want to book for is still available.

A 50% non refundable deposit is required with your booking. Please calculate the cost you would incur for the weekend and divide by 2. Balance of monies to be paid by 14th April.

Please make clear your accommodation option on the booking form (only after checking with Kim)

Further information will be made available to those going on the trip closer to the time.

Bookings and deposit with Kim on 086 139 3272. fwdcsa@icon.co.za <mailto:fwdcsa@icon.co.za>

Thorsten Schafer

Outings

PILANESBERG & BORAKALALO FENCE PATROLS

DATES for 2008

PILANESBERG

March	7th / 9th and 21st / 23 rd
April	11th / 13th and 25th / 27 th
May	9th / 11th and 23rd / 25th
June	6th / 8th and 20th / 22nd
July	11th / 13th and 25th / 27th
August	8th / 10th and 22nd / 24th
September	12th / 14th and 26 th / 28th
October	10th / 12th and 24th / 26th
November	7th / 9th and 21st / 23rd
December	12th / 14th

BORAKALALO

Between February 1st and December 12th
Each week end [Friday / Sunday] of each week

BOOKINGS :- Please e-mail Graham Bittle at graham@grahamjohnsafaris.com giving the preferred and two alternative dates together with your vehicle make, model, registration, the size of your party, telephone numbers and the Park of your choice.

Annual Swaziland Reg Raid

The Reg raid will take place on the weekend of the 25 - 27 April 2008, and entry forms for this event are now available

If you require these, please email Kim, on fwdcsa@icon.co.za and request them, or download from the club website.



To the following Members & their Spouses for March

Albino di Santolo
Allan Milne
Anthony Smith
Anton de Marillac
Bruce Willmore
Bruni Coetzee
Charlotte Nolte
Chris Boreham
Christine Stucke
Des Farrar
Des van Schalkwyk
Donald Whitear
Dorothy Muir
Esme Human
Fabian Cairns
Frank Baker

Fritz Coenen
Gerald Roux
Gerard Heijkoop
Gerhard Braun
Graham Beeton
Graham Hunter
Hymne Hoops
Ivor Rimmer
Jennifer Lubbe
Jennifer Pollock
Jenny Compton
John Parker
Kathy de Villiers
Kjell Bismeyer
Koot Barnard
Len Botha

Leon Zaayman
Les Balkind
Les Sekhukhune
Louis Pienaar
Marietje Steyn
Mark Seele
Michelle Esterhuysen
Michiel Barnard
Mike Charters
Mike Lear
Neil Hulme
Norman Koelges
Peter Carter
Peter du Toit
Peter Mounsear-Wilson
Peter Specht

Phill Cantin
Pierre Steenkamp
Pine Pienaar
Reinder Beurskens
Riaan Wandrag
Roman Panis
Russell Ansara
Russell Dickson
Stuart Hynes
Susan Chaffey
Tanya Liebenberg
Terry Larson
Vaughn Corlett
Wilhelmina Walton

Welcome to New Members

Les & Irene Balkind
Chris & Nicky Barnard
Peter, Claudette, Matthew & Kirsten Carter
John & Susan Chapman
Rodney & Tilitha Cook
Greg, Colleen, Callan & Caleb Edwards
Dave, Leah, Shirli & Tal Gilbert
Hendrikus, Maartje, Henriette, Rikus & Jaco Groenveld
Reitze Hylkema
Rael & Abbey Komblum

Sarel, Aneke, Larissa & Armand Kroon
Dave & Dee Lloyd
Alan & Amanda McKenzie
David & Jane Normington
Geoff Ochse
Desmond, Andrea, Lauren & Brandon O'Neill
Jeremy & Jennifer Pollock
Stanley & Ashleigh Salida
Roelf, Karien, Rudolf & Natasha van Rooyen
Gerit & Leone Visser

New 100 Buck Club Members

Graham & Gillian Hunter

Des van Schalkwyk

Frans le Roux

Vacancy

The position of Secretary of the AAWDC is vacant.

The duties of the Secretary are:-

1. to keep minutes of all meetings of the Association in bound books with pre-numbered pages;
2. to receive and send out all correspondence as directed by the Association Committee, including applications for membership of the Association;
3. to keep copies of all correspondence received and sent;
4. to keep all official documents and archives in safe custody; and
5. to arrange meetings of the Association Committee and the Association when required to do so in terms of the Constitution.

Members that are interested should forward a short CV to Jakob Jordaan at jakob@global.co.za, or could get more info by contacting him on his cell 082-808-1422.

GPS Training – A MUST DO COURSE!!!!!!

The SA4x4 Magazine classifies Kevin Bolton as Mr GPS South Africa! This is the only course he presents in Gauteng, other than private 1 on 1 training.

Date: Saturday 8 March 2008 – Course with basic practice

Sunday 9 March 2008 (optional extended practical) – 3 hours from 08h30 – 11h30

Time: 08h30 – 16h30

Area: Centurion, Gauteng.

Venue: Echo 4x4, Echo 4x4 Building, Route 21 Park, Nellmapius Drive off the R21 between Centurion & Airport..

Grading: Theory & Practical.

Target Activity: Theory & Practical training in GPS Technology & Usage covering: Satellite Navigation theory, Faults and error in the system and problem areas.

Datums, Projections, Co-ordinate systems (Includes practical).

GPS screens.

GPS menus.

Configuration of your GPS.

Practical route (GoTo's, Routes and BackTrak) Etc.

Includes 35 page manual & 1:50 000 map.

If you do not have a GPS one will be provided – please just indicate such.

Bring: Notebook & Pen.

Cost: R750 per person, both days

Includes welcoming coffee / tea, a light lunch and liquid refreshment

Minimum 8 candidates to host course, this year MAXIMUM 15 people per course. First come, first served. Payment only assures attendance!

Certificate issued.

Account details:

Account Holder Name: K Goodway

Bank: Standard Bank

Branch: Tyger Manor

Branch Code: 05-04-10

Type of account: AUTOCLUB PLUSPLAN

Account Number: 275076725

NAME and <GPS> in the description please!

Security at Base 4

Some members have raised the question of security when camping at Base 4. No special arrangements have been made to cover this aspect, and it is the responsibility of members/campers to take all reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety when at Base 4.

Use of Quads at Base 4

It is a club rule that under normal circumstances, Motor Bikes and Quads are not allowed to be used at Base 4. However one of our members, Ralph Henderson, is somewhat incapacitated and has been given a special dispensation to use a small quad to assist him in moving around at Base 4.

They Say It's Healthy to Walk

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at a cost of R 5000 per month.

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where she is.

The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.