

## **Chirps from the Chair**

We're nearly halfway through the year and I would like to take this opportunity to give some feedback on some of the things that your club did for you and some others that are in the pipeline.

One of the first tasks that the new committee set out to do in 2009 was to consolidate and update the member list. I can now confirm that this has been finalized and I would like to thank Carlo and Ingrid for all their hard work. To date, we have 47 paid members with new members joining on a regular basis.

Our run-coordinator, Geoff, has been hard at work identifying, surveying and planning trips. One cause of concern has been the low number of members attending these runs. What would help is if we could receive some type of feedback as to what you as member would like. (The types of runs, the difficulty, distance, cost, etc.) This would give us an indication of your preferences and allow us to plan properly. The next run is Leopardskloof and promises to be a great one. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

With regard to our Newsletter, The Bush Telegraph, I am happy to announce that the committee has unanimously decided that we will revert to the old printed version. Although we are saving tremendously on costs by emailing it, I think most of us will agree that it has always been more useful to have it in hardcopy. Carlo, jou harde werk wat jy insit word definitief raakgesien en waardeer!!

Ons 'Socials' is aan die gang en ek kan nie wag vir die volgende een wat Ingrid beplan nie. Trivia en Sop aand in Junie/Julie. Daar is al klaar 'n 'challenge' oor wie die lekkerste sop gaan maak!!

Please note that all Driver Training requests are to be forwarded to Gys Kleyn, our Driver Trainer. He can be contacted on 083 261 5474 or on email – Gysbert.Kleyn@nmmu.ac.za

Die "Southern-Cape get-together" is besig om ge-reël te word en ons sal teen die volgende nuusbrieffulle inligting daaroor kan deurgee. Hou maar solank die naweek van 26 September 2009 oop. Dit sal iewers tussen George en Port Elizabeth gehou word, so ons hoef nie te ver te ry nie.

Die Fattracks Mountain Bike Club het weer gevra vir hulp met 'marshalling' by hulle 2 byeenkomste en ek wag nog net vir finale reelings van hulle af. Ons sal dan vir al ons lede vra of hulle belangstel om te 'volunteer' om met hierdie byeenkomste te help. Soos ek verstaan is akkommodasie verniet en vorige helpers het bevestig dat die hele ding nogal lekker is.

Sien julle by Luiperdskloof!!

Groete

**Deon Strydom**

Chairman