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Hi All,

This month we went down to Tuckers at Ifafa.

We had a good turn-out with quite a few landies and had a great weekend.

May is a particularly busy month with a social evening at East Coast Cruisers, Cars in the Park and next Gates Event all coming up in May.

As promised, the focus of club will be events – driving and enjoying our landies - and we propose both a Lesotho trip, Tanskei trip and (working on) a possible Mozambique trip this year.

We will also be doing a back of Pinetown trip – our last trip having to be curtailed due to the bike race and going back to Tuckers to cut a new trail.

Ed's comment, "The newsletter is published regularly on an irregular basis every month, printed as and when it seems fit and delivered when it suits. It will be late on your time, **but on time, on my time**."

We have also been given access to a very nice venue in Botha's Hill and will be organising some trips here as well.

Will keep you updated.

Ed

Photo of the month

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LROC KZN PROVISIONAL EVENTS DIARY 2010

When	What, where	More Info.	CONTACT PERSON	Grade
Thur 6 May	SOCIAL BYO BRAAI EVENING. ECC CLUB HOUSE	East Coast Cruisers Club House at Pineville Junction, Pinetown from 18h30 onwards. A social get together to talk about Land Rovers, future trips, your Land Rover problems etc. We will have a large screen showing a few off road / club trip DVD's. It's a BYO braai with fires provided. The club house is licensed so please support the bar and leave your own drinks at home. All drinks at ECC club low prices.	George Goswell 0836581324	1
Sun 16 May	CARS IN THE PARK PMB	Cars in the Park, Pietermaritzburg. Our annual event to show off the LROC and attract new members. It's a BYO braai for lunch with braai fires provided. For those not wanting to braai, full bar and catering is available. For those who have not been to Cars in the Park, it's an exhibit of motoring history by the various Cars Clubs. It's a day to socialize with other LROC members and enjoy the hundreds of cars on display. Suitable for the whole family.	George Goswell 0836581324	1
22 May	SUGAR BELT 400	Kwazulu Natal leg of the National Off Road car championship. Eston farmers club is the start/finish venue with many spectators points out on the circuit. **Non LROC organised event but an excellent spectator event.**	George Goswell 0836581324	1
30 May	GATES EVENT ESTON QUARRY	Back to an old venue for the 2nd Gates for 2010. ESTON QUARRY. Gates set up at 06h30 for those early birds who wish to help. Vehicle scrutineering from 08h00 and the event starts at 09h00. BYO braai for lunch, with braai fires provided.	George Goswell 0836581324	3 / 5
5 June	NATIONAL 4x4 CHALLENGE	Kwazulu Natal leg of the National 4x4 Challenge to be held at High Stakes. **Non LROC organised event but an excellent spectator event.**	George Goswell 0836581324	1
June				
25 – 28 June	TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK	Camp over in the big 5 park, in an area out of bounds to day visitors to the park. We require 20 people to make this trip viable and it's on a 1st come 1st basis.	George Goswell 0836581324	3
July				
July / Aug	LESOTHO SNOW	When the snow falls we go at short notice.	George Goswell 0836581324	4 / 5
7 – 9 Aug	NON STOP ADVENTURES BAYNESFIELD	Long weekend end camp over with a trail drive on the Sunday with the Natal Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club up to the private museum of Malcolm Anderson. More info to follow	George Goswell 0836581324	3
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
23 – 24 Oct	LESOTHO SANI PASS	Short weekend trip down the Sani River valley. Camp over next to the Sani River. More info to follow	George Goswell 0836581324	3 / 4
Nov				
Nov	LAND ROVER VS TOYOTA	Annual Land Rover vs Toyota challenge	George Goswell 0836581324	3 / 5
16 – 19 Dec	TRANSKEI	We return to one of our old spots, Mnyameni. More info to follow	George Goswell 0836581324	3 / 4

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TRAIL GRADING: All our Events / Trails are graded according to the 5 grades below.

1. Complete novice soft dirt road trail, no low range required. Suitable for all Land Rovers including the Freelander.
2. Limited low range required but suitable for the novice driver. Suitable for all Land Rovers including the Freelander.
3. Low range and limited off road knowledge required. Suitable for all Land Rovers with certain trails not suitable for the Freelander.
4. A low range technical trail suitable for the experienced. The inexperienced will be able to do the trail, as assistance will be available from the more experienced members. Suitable for all Land Rovers except the Freelander.
5. Extremely technical, suitable for the experienced only with the possibility of vehicle damage. Suitable for "Series" and modified Land Rovers.

PLEASE NOTE : Recovery points are mandatory on all vehicles on a grade 4 and 5 trail.

Note: For All Gates Events:

1. **Only paid up LROC members will be able to compete in the Gates Events from now on.**
2. **Non LROC members welcome to attend as spectators.**
3. **Only LAND ROVER vehicles will be allowed to take part. No other make of vehicle.**

NOTICES

TEMBE 25th – 28th June Newsflash

Due to a few cancellations we have 1 Chalet and a few camp sites available for the TEMBE trip at the end of June. Bring a friend, we have no problem with this, provided they have a 4x4 vehicle (does not have to be a Land Rover) which is a requirement to drive in TEMBE. If interested please give George a call Cell : 0836581324

MAY: UPCOMING EVENTS

May is a busymonth with the following events planned:

Thursday 6 May From 18h30 onwards.

A social / byo braai at East Coast Cruisers Club House, Pineville Junction, Pinetown.

Why cook at home, bring some meat, the family and lets spend a few relaxed social hours together in the company of other LROC members.
Lets talk about the LROC, what we will be doing, what should we be doing, what you dislike, how's your Landy performing, what trips you have planned and much more.

- Safe secure parking behind a gated fenced off area with security at the gate
- An interesting club house with many motoring photo's and memorabilia on the walls.
- Large screen showing a few offroad and club event DVD's.
- Braai fires provided.
- ECC Club House is a licensed facility, please do not bring your own drinks. The drinks at the bar are very well priced.

Sunday 16 May

34th Cars In The Park Pietermaritzburg

- Theme for 2010 is "The First 40 Years". A special display of vehicles built before the 2nd World War.
- Range Rover turns 40 this year. If you have a Range Rover please bring it, along with your Series 1 and other Land Rovers.
- All Land Rovers welcome to park on the LROC stand, which is the same area we have had for many years.
- Arrive early (before 09h00) and the driver and 1 passenger gets in for free.
- Braai fires will be provided. For those who do not wish to braai there are many catering stands around the show area.
- Take Note : This year the road through the show area will be a one way road. You will have to enter from the old Durban (Allan Paton) road and exit via College Road.

Saturday 21 May

National Offroad Sugar Belt 400 Eston Farmers Club.

- Not a LROC organised event but an excellent spectator event with many spectator points around the Eston area.
- Start and finish of the race is at the Eston Farmers Club.

Sunday 30 May

2nd Gates Event for 2010 Eston Quarry (Provisional Venue and may change)

- We are going back to an old hunting ground, the Quarry at Eston.
- BYO braai for lunch with braai fires provided.
- Vehicle scrutineering for those wishing to compete in the event from 08h00
- Events starts at 09h00
- We will set separate obstacles for standard and modified vehicles.

Spectators welcome, it's also a social day with a braai.

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Land Rover Gear (Discount to Members) Kenneth Jones

Land Rover Gear have very kindly offered us a 15% discount at their stores on presentation of our LROC membership card as well as a 25% discount on website purchases.

Details as follows:

Dear Fellow Land Rover Owner

It's been a busy couple of years trying to set up Land Rover stores, developing products and trying to get the brand out there.

That's all well and fine but I think that the core Land Rover customer is the Land Rover Owner and we would like to offer you the following benefits:-

- 25% discount on all website purchases which will then be couriered to you
- Online ordering on our new look website by end of April
- VIP access to events, shows, expeditions, competitions etc
- Direct access to head office for comments, ideas, complaints. The number is 0861 LRGEAR (574327) and ask for me directly
- We're looking at creating a card too that will allow you in-store discounts but for now your LROC membership card will get you 15% discount in store

We are really respectful of your privacy so if you would like to hear more from us and gain access to these benefits as a Land Rover Owners Club Member, please drop me an email personally to chester@landrovergear.co.za

Enjoy the Easter Holidays and wishing you and your family safe travel where ever you may be going.

Kind Regards

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Tuckers (Ifafa) Kenneth Jones

We had a good turnout for the Tuckers weekend with a lot of fun had by all.

Tuckers is probably one of the few places that caters for both those with modified vehicles who want an "extreme" type of trail as well as those that want a more "sedate" trail or those that merely want to "veg" by the side of the lake and chill for the weekend.

We were given pride of place by Graham – right near the dam – with hot showers and ablutions.

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First prize for best campsite must go to Brendan who even brought his caravan along.

We were also very gratified to see Ken & Betty Gordon – long-standing members of the club - who came for the day on Sunday.

For me the highlight of the weekend was the late-night drive Saturday night as well as the river drive the next day. Let me explain, Graham probably put in excess of 6,000 litres water into the mud-pit on Friday but when we arrived on Saturday most of this had soaked into the ground and the mud-pit was fairly tame.

Naturally we had to rectify the situation and at about 10:00 pm Saturday night a few of us took Leon's, Alfie's, Paul's and Byron's modifieds (35" tires) to the mud-pit.

By half-past ten the mud-pit was an impassable quagmire that was almost impossible to get through. Paul broke a CV joint trying to ride up the bank to avoid getting stuck in the mud.

With Paul limping back to camp the rest of us decided to go on a midnight jaunt through the cane-fields – enormous fun & we only got back at around half-past one in the morning.

The next day Graham, having realized that the landy bunch are not your average 4 x 4 drivers, opened up the river for us. This meant huge rocks, mud and swamp. Don deserves a mention here as he was the only one on standard tires but still gave it a go.

Fantastic fun and we'll definitely be back, especially after Graham gave me a call that the land-owner has given permission to open up a new trail along the river (there was previously a trail there about ten years ago but floods and overgrowth meant it was abandoned).

Paul's CV the next morning (Sunday) after the Saturday jaunt.

Message from Glen Twiggs

We all recall Glen's accident after the Inanda trip – he was coming around a corner when he felt his steering become a little loose. He pulled off the road onto what he thought was a grassy patch but was actually a culvert covered with vegetation.

He has sent me the following message:

"A BIG Thanks to all the guys who helped me after my accident, thanks for winching me out and removing my tyres and not to forget towing the flat-bed out the valley. I am thankful that I came out of the accident with only whiplash and a very sad Landy, a big reason for this is that I was wearing a seat belt, which I added while building the Landy, R 500.00 saved me from going through the front window as the Landy stopped dead at approx. 40 km/h. 40 km/h doesn't seem fast until you think about driving a 1,5 ton vehicle into a solid concrete wall, the chassis front horns have dropped about 200mm and the entire front suspension and axle was torn from its mountings.

Seat belts are extremely important and all I ask of you guys is to check your vehicles well after playing and BUCKLE-UP once on the road for you and your passenger's safety.
Many thanks once again to all.
Glenn"

Trying to trace an old Land-Rover — Barry Williams

Barry Williams sent me an unusual request:

He is from the uk and was hoping we could help.... his wife is from durban and they are both landrover lovers. Her father used to own a series 1 that was made to order for a guy in 59 who drove it to Pinetown from the UK. It was then sold to his father-in-law in 66/67. He owned it till 78 /79 and sold it to a landrover club in Durban.

It had cooling fans fitted to make the journey from the uk and the registration plate was ND4845 – see photo above. Barry is trying to trace the vehicle. His father-in-law was David Doust and they lived in Overport, Durban.

Barry's contact details are uk 0944 118 9810993 Address 125 Stephens Road, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3rt, England.

His email address is bwilliams.74@hotmail.co.uk

RECOVERY — Kenneth Jones

The following photos are courtesy of Dave Burrows (currently on contract near the Caspian Sea) and make our recoveries look tame by comparison:

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.
Remember it's your club and you will get out of it what you want to. You have purchased **THE BEST 4 x 4 x FAR** and now it's time to use it. See you at the next club event.

Classifieds

If you wish to place an advert, please forward the info to **kenneth@pcvs.co.za**

Plse note that ads will run in two successive newsletters whereafter they will be removed.

For ease of reference those highlighted in red have already appeared and will not appear in the next newsletter unless you specifically send me an email asking me to keep the ad.

- FOR SALE

- Marc Dutton is heading overseas for a couple of years and need to sell his defender 90 Td5. It's in great condition and it's got a couple of add-on's - namely BF Goodrich mud terrain tyres, long range full tank, wrap around front bull bar, 8000 lb warn winch, safari snorkel and it's white in colour. He has done his own servicing since he has had it & he bought it with full service history. It's a 2000 model and its mileage is 215000 km.

  He is asking for R 110,000 neg.

  Marc's email address is marcdutton@mail.com

- FOR SALE

1. 3.5 V8 engine gasket set top & bottom + 2 extra head gaskets. Agents price R 3698 without extra 2 head gaskets. My price R900.
2. 3.5 V8 intake manifold. Agents price R 18435. My Price R750.
3. 2 SU H1F6 carbs R 1000.
4. 2 Zenith/Stromberg carbs with auto choke + extra chokes R 1000.
5. Engine stand (still new) R300.

   Contact: Brian 033 212 2521