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## CODE OF CONDUCT

Abide by the rules, constitution, conservation code and code of conduct of the Club

Be a considerate member

Drive responsibly

Assist fellow members

Promote the safe and responsible use of Land Rovers

Respect rules in all parks, conservation areas, public and private lands

Maintain your vehicle in a sound on- and off-roadworthy condition

Do not litter

## 46<sup>th</sup> AGM of the LROC

This years AGM, the 46<sup>th</sup>, was again a great success, a few drops of rain just cooled the heat down a bit. The proceedings went off without any problems and I am pleased to announce the committee for 2006. My special thanks to Willie who stepped down this year, for all the work and dedication, and a warm welcome to Philip who takes up the Driver Training position.

<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Ilsley	<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Bernard Cohen
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<b>PRO</b>	Eric Wolstencroft		

Congratulations to the Trophy winners in the various categories, and a very special thank you to all the members who participate at events and make the Club what it is. I trust you will continue to support the Club and Committee during the year ahead. A change to the Constitution was approved allowing for the creation of Regional Committees the first one will be Port Elizabeth. The other change to the Constitution is open for review and you can see the detail elsewhere in this newsletter.

Best regards,  
**Mike Ilsley**  
Chairman.



Attie Smit's wife Helen and Atties famous hat.  
Baby unknown by the photographer Bernard.

## CLUB ISSUES

### General News

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### This is your last newsletter ...

... unless your fees for 2006 are up to date. If you have not yet paid your subscription fees, please note that your name will be dropped from the membership database at the end of March. In other words, you will lose out on all the excellent events coming up this year. So, don't delay, pay your fees and enjoy 2006 with us. If you are not sure of your status or cannot find your invoice, contact me on [membership@lroc.org.za](mailto:membership@lroc.org.za) or 011-3121423.

Fees can be deposited into the club account: Land Rover Owners Club Of Southern Africa First National Bank Branch code 250642 Account Number 51170034263. Please fax confirmation of the deposit to 011-3121423

Renzo – Membership Secretary

### Did not receive your calendar?

The club goes to a fair amount of hassle and great expense to ensure you receive the yearly calendar, the final magazine for the year, a copy of the newest membership directory, and of course the subscription renewal notice. These are all rolled into a nice cardboard tube and posted by registered mail to your postal address in early December. It is therefore worrying that we have received so many tubes returned by your post offices, almost all of them marked as "Unclaimed". The post office keeps the registered items for at least 1 month, and issues 2 to 3 collection slips to remind you that the parcel needs to be collected before these are returned to us.

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Renzo – Membership Secretary

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## PAST EVENTS

### SUMMER TRIAL

The trial was held at Four Way Motors at Vereeniging. The rains of the passed weeks ensured a muddy course and I believe every one enjoyed it. A record number of 32 members entered and the scores ranged from a 6 to 158. Some used Philip Lochner's "special stage" to their advantage whilst others got used by this obstacle. Thanks to Bernard Cohen and his helpers for a great challenge. Also thanks to Four Way Motors for the use of their facilities. Come on ladies, where are you? For once we will admit that we need you to participate in some trials.



The results were as follows:

#### Ladies SWB

J. Leimer Si 37

#### Ladies LWB

R. Pieters R/R 93

M. Steyn R/R 94

A. Blignaut 110 V8 96

### Men's SWB

1. R. Leimer Si 6
2. B. de Witt 90Td5 P/U 36
3. M. Carver Sii 53

### Men's LWB

1. P. Lochner 110Td5 P/U 19
2. A. Oberholster Discovery Si V8 40
3. E. Wolstencroft R/R 50

Attie Smit

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## TREASURE HUNT

Unlike the previous two events, this year contestants took to the country side. Away from tar, shopping centres, shops and a commercialized feel, the route went from Midrand Landrover to the east and then North to end at Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum near Rayton. Of the 10 vehicles entered, only one got lost enough to give it up and went home. Some of us enjoyed our own braai under the trees while some went up the restaurant where we joined tables to sit down as a big family and enjoyed a real Sunday lunch. The following members received prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Renzo Isla Blaza & Co. 37
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rienko & Salomie Eggink. 36
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin & Tracey Halbhuber. 35

Booby prize for the longest time spent to complete the route:  
Thomas & Irene Hill

Booby prize for inability to read a rain gauge: Grant Barnard.  
Booby prize for a traffic ticket: Willi Schneider & Co.

Thanks to Gerrie & Hanlie Smit for the hours spent in preparing the event and the success of the day was due to their input. Midrand Landrover provided coffee and scones for which we say thank you and of course for the use of their premises.

Lastly thanks to you who participated.  
See you all under the big tree...

Attie&Gerrie

## WATERBERG WEEKEND

The weekend in the Waterberg was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The campsite and facilities was beautiful. Read more about it in the next Landroving.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The trophies were handed out at the AGM for the people who excelled during the past year:

### Overall Winners Ladies SWB:

- 1) J. Leimer 40
- 2) S. van der Horst 18
- 3) A. Hepworth 8

### Overall Winners Ladies LWB:

- 1) M. Steyn 36
- 2) A. Blignaut 28
- 3) R. Pieters 18

### Overall Winners Men's SWB:

- 1) M. Carver 43
- 2) R. Leimer 38
- 3) K. Reeves 23

### Overall Winners Men's LWB:

- 1) A. Oberholster 41
- 2) J. Jordaan 37
- 3) F. Myburgh 23

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## Overall Driver of the year:

- 1) J. Jordaan 37
  - 2) A. Oberholster 27
  - 3) R. Leimer 23.8
- SPECIAL TROPHIES:

- 1) **Charman`s award:** J. Plunkett
- 2) **Chairman`s award for the most outstanding Junior:** N. Reeves
- 3) **The Battlerr`s Award:** F. Vermaak
- 4) **Order of the Tit:** J. Blake
- 5) **40 Years award** Owen Walton

## Proposed Change to LROC Constitution

The following change to the constitution was presented to the AGM. It was passed with the request that it be published in the Newsletter and so that the members will have the opportunity to comment if they so wish. I cannot emphasise the importance of this portfolio enough and the amount of work it entails, thus it was not an option to combine this portfolio with an existing portfolio.

The addition to the constitution under Paragraph 9 reads as follows:

**9.12 Legal Compliance Officer:** *To manage all issues relating to the compliance to the Government's Environmental act(s). To ensure that the LROC's principles are embedded in the mandate of the National Off-road Workgroup and to ensure that the LROC is always informed on and complies with these issues.*

In the light of the threatening ban on the use of 4x4s in "mountain" areas, especially following the blanket beach ban, this post is vitally important to us, so I hope that you will all be in favour of this amendment. Please send your comments by fax to the clubs fax number before 31 March 2006.

Mike Ilsley Chairman

## FUTURE EVENTS

### ADVENTURE WEEKEND

DATE 4<sup>TH</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006  
WHERE HEKPOORT  
COST R75.00 PER VEHICLE PER DAY FOR THE VENUE PAYABLE ON ARRIVAL.  
CONTACT ATTIE SMIT 083 2922412

Frog Catchers; Golden Oldies; Mamparas; Tigers; Stone Last and Jungle Kings. Ever heard of these teams? Sounds more like deceased bands but as some of you may have guessed, it is time to call on all of you to team up and prepare for our own mini "camel" adventure. This event will take the form of a vehicle based obstacle course and participation will be in 5 member teams and a team may nominate the best suited vehicle or vehicles per obstacle out of the 5 participating member's vehicles. Teams must each include at least one female member and one male member.

**Marshalling:** Each team will nominate a member, on rotation basis, to marshal the team behind them. A "Marshall of the Event" will be selected to ensure consistency.

**Obstacles:** There will be 5 obstacles to be completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day with another 5 the following day.

**Rules:** The normal trial rules will apply. Teams must supply their own recovery gear as well as any other equipment they think they may need. Specialised gear may be provided by the organisers. Safety will be most important; hence illness/injuries will force a team to run with fewer members. Team members can be changed from Saturday to Sunday but NOT during the day.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded and any supplier who wishes to make use of the opportunity may advertise on the day, if they sponsor a prize that can be shared between the 5 people on a team.

**Facilities:** The campsite is very basic with basic ablutions and we advise that you bring your own shower facilities as there is only one per sex. available. After all it is an adventure.

**How to get there:** Take the N14 (Pta- Krugersdorp highway) west and take a right at the 1<sup>st</sup> and only robot. The sign board indicates N14 Ventersdorp. At the T-junction turn right on the R563 to Hekpoort. As you get to the bottom of the pass you will have to look out for the LROC sign post which will indicate a turn to the right onto the farm Hekpoort of Schoop Pienaar. There is no sign post for the farm and if get to a T-junction on this road, you have passed the gate and have to go back at least 1 km.

Members must organize themselves in teams and the team captain must register the team with the organizer. Come well prepared as your skill and knowledge of offroading will be tested.

Attie Smit



Driver of the year Jakob Jordaan

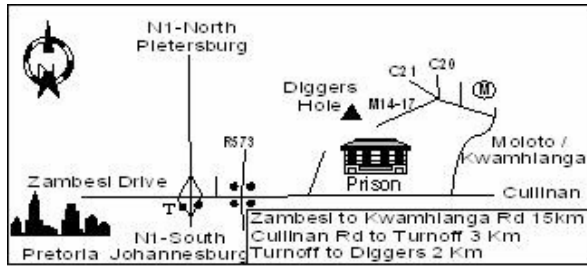
### AUTUMN TRIAL AND DRIVER TRAINING

DATE 11 TO 12 MARCH 2006  
WHERE DIGGERS HOLE  
CONTACT JESSE ROWE 082-852-1566

The Saturday morning from 10h00 will be spent on driver training and improving your offroad driving skills. The Autumn Trial entry registration **starts 09h00** on Sunday 12 March and the Trial will start sharply at 09h30. **Please note that that no entries will be allowed after the Trial Briefing has started at 09h30.** Your Landy will be scrutinized before participation in the trial and your Landy needs to be road worthy to participate in the trial. Remember to bring along your own recovery equipment for the Trial. If you do not have recovery equipment, the regalia trailer will sell recovery equipment during the weekend at a very competitive price. Costs to Diggers Hole are R50 per vehicle per day. Members who wish to

camp for the weekend pay R50 per night additional. A maximum of one tent and 6 people per campsite allowed. The campsite has an excellent braai area, water supply and toilets with showers.

**Don't miss out on this excellent weekend. See you there!!!**



## NATURE/GAME/OFFROAD LONG WEEKEND

DATE 18 TO 21 MARCH 2006  
 WHERE SONGIMVELO NATURE RESERVE.  
 BOOKINGS ISLA BLASA 011-3121423  
 ORGANISER BERNARD COHEN 011-8836088(AH)

Unfortunately this trip is fully booked  
**Bernard Cohen.**

## BREAKFAST RUN

Date: 2 April 2006  
 Where : Picnic spot  
 Time : 08:00am  
 Start : Midrand Land Rover  
 Organiser : Eric Wolstencroft  
 Contact : 083 433 8658 OR 011 918 2538

The meeting point for the breakfast run will be at Midrand Land Rover 7.30 for 8.00AM, After which the group will travel in convoy to a 4 X 4 picnic spot near Hennops ,A route is being planned to keep the convoy off the main roads, The venue has a flowing river and plenty of brick braai areas surrounded by large shady trees, There are two swimming pools so tell you children to bring their swimming costumes.

Cost are as follows:  
 Entrance fees: R25.00 per adult. R 10.00 per child.  
 4x4 course R130.00(optional).

**Eric Wolstencroft.**

## WEEKEND IN KHUTSE BOTSWANA 2006

DATE 14 TO 17 APRIL 2006  
 WHERE KHUTSE GAME RESERVE  
 CONTACT ISLA BLASA 011-3121423  
 ORGANISER ANNIE AND WERNER 0825774531

We have booked two campsites next to each other that can take three vehicles each in the Kutse Game Reserve, Botswana. We will stay at one campsite for the weekend and operate from there. We depart very early on the 14th. Only five more vehicles can join in. You have to book your place before the 18th of March to secure your place as there is a deposit we have to pay over to the Parks Board.

## LESOTHO ADVENTURE 2006

DATE 27 APRIL TO 1 MAY 2006  
 WHERE LESOTHO  
 CONTACT ISLA BLASA 011-3121423  
 TRIP GUIDE MIKE ILSLEY 012-3452289 (H)

Unfortunately trip fully booked.

## ZAMBIA ADVENTURE 2006

DATE SAT 23 SEPT TO SUN 8 OCT 2006  
 WHERE BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA (LIUWA PLAINS)  
 CONTACT ISLA BLASA 011-3121423  
 TRIP GUIDE MIKE ILSLEY 012-3452289 (H)

The LROC will be visiting the the Liuwa Plains region of Zambia, where we hope to see the huge herds of Wildebeest and predators. Only 5 or 6 vehicles can be accommodated so get your reservation in early. Please book with Isla on 011 312 1423. A non refundable reservation/admin fee of R250 per vehicle is required. We plan to route via Botswana (Kokonje Island, Sowa Pan & Hunters Route), Zimbabwe (Vic Falls) and Namibia (Caprivi Strip). Camping will be both in the veld as well as in some campsites. You must be self sufficient and must have recovery points, recovery gear and wading plugs. We will be starting from Zanzibar. Passports are required. As I am still busy with the planning, I cannot give indications of costs yet. More details to follow. Trailers not recommended"

Unfortunately trip is fully booked at the moment.

## RACING DAYS

Your contact person for Kyalami, Midvaal, Lichtenburg and Gosforth Park is **Darryl Beck 082-930-9562** (evenings only if possible). Your contact person for Swartkops is **Ernst van Biljon 082-568-0748** (evenings only). With all the requests for the Land Rover Owners Club assistance at the various circuits, both Ernst and I are looking for more Members to come along and assist us. If you would like to assist at only one circuit of your choice, that would be wonderful, as to expect Members to attend all races at all circuits is unreasonable. For Members who enjoy Motor Racing give Ernst or myself a ring.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members are welcomed into the Land Rover Owners Club. May your journey with the club be a long and pleasant one:

1. Billy and Kim Neumann from Kyalami Estate, they have 4 children and own a Defender 110 Td5
2. Malan and Eunice van der Merwe from Magalieskruin, they have 3 children and own a Defender 110 Td5 HC pickup and a Freelander 2.0Td
3. Dick and Elza de Bruyn from Tzaneen, they own a Defender 110 Td5 hardtop and a Discovery Td5

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- I am looking for a Defender 110 Pick Up, preferably diesel not older than 7/8 years. The vehicle must be in good condition with a service record. A late model; accident damaged vehicle could also be considered. My contact details are: Bernard Shaw 082-5200688 Email: [bshaw@ft.co.za](mailto:bshaw@ft.co.za)
- I am looking for Defender TDI 90 3door in good condition, could you please help me? My contact detail is: Chris van Staden tel: 082 462 7453
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## OTHER MATTERS

### Events happening at LROC PE BRANCH.

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March - Weekend Run (Camping). At Heron Cliff in Baviaans. Trail costs R50 per Landy and R35 per adult Children free! Please remember to book with Heidi at 041-3634561

7<sup>th</sup> May – Off Camber Elands River day run bring and Braai, fishing, swimming and fun. Depart Land Rover PE 7.30am. Costs to be advised.

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October – Willowmore & Baviaans Weekend camp out. More details to follow.

### Wheels Weekend

We are having a fund raising weekend for the Vervet monkey foundation (we need funds to build a properly equipped sick bay) 17-19 March 2006, it is a "wheels weekend" to be held at a local resort in Limpopo called the Eiland Spa. This wheels weekend consists of a 4x4 competition, quad bike run, breakfast run for motorbikes and bicycle races. We have arranged great prizes and have special accommodation rates at the Eiland Spa for this weekend; it would be appreciated if you would inform the LROC members of this event.

Contact person for registration and further info Debbie Tyler @ 083 299 3774

### Two Way Radios and ICASA

Like TV sets, all transmitting radio equipment with a power output of more than .5 watts must be licensed. "It's the right thing to do". Once you have licensed your 29 MHz Radio, either directly through ICASA or through the Off Road Radio Association, you are obliged to pay the annual licensing fee until you either dispose of the set or it becomes unserviceable. Should you sell your set you are obliged to notify ICASA of the name and address of the buyer, and it will now need to be licensed by the new owner.

Failure to do this can result in the set being confiscated and both the new owner and previous owner being liable to a hefty fine.

On behalf of member clubs of the AAWDC the Off Road Radio Association purchases currently, 610 (29 MHz) licenses for their members. If a license is purchased from ICASA direct, there is a lengthy procedure required to obtain a licence. Through the ORRA, this is simplified, although there is a small administration fee levied for this service. But, at the same time, ORRA is obligated to ICASA to ensure that members abide by the radio regulations, both with operating procedures and ownership of the equipment. 29 MHz Two way radios while limited in coverage, if used properly are ideal for convoy communications. ORRA has been asked to investigate the possibility of using the same procedure but with the use of VHF frequency equipment. The thought behind this is that VHF will provide better coverage. VHF has a higher power output, but does not necessarily increase the coverage, what it does do is make transmissions clearer, it is still "line of sight" and thus in mountainous areas the same difficulties will occur as with 29 MHz. The equipment is twice as expensive, while the annual licensing fee is only nominally higher. R 50 pa compared to R43 for a 29 MHz radio.

We would like members to advise us whether they need us to investigate the obtaining of VHF licences in addition to the 29 MHz. ones we currently pay for. ICASA have intimated that we would be able to obtain a single frequency, which similarly to 29 MHz is a shared frequency. Being of higher output power (25 Watts as against 4 Watts), you could expect better performance, particularly with the clarity of transmission.

It would be appreciated if Club Secretaries would check with their members as to their feelings, and let us know as soon as possible.

On behalf of AAWDC.

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