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# LROC NEWS

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## SERVING WITH PURPOSE

As 2024 draws to a close, the Executive Committee is actively preparing for the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This meeting extends beyond procedural formalities—it's a vital opportunity for members to engage and directly shape our future. Our club thrives on the generous volunteer support from our members. If you are interested in serving the Club, numerous portfolios are available for participation.

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## CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY

As the festive season nears and we reflect on the year's end, it's a moment to celebrate the remarkable journeys and adventures we've shared as a community of Land Rover enthusiasts. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I am thrilled to extend heartfelt season's greetings to each of you and your families. This past year has been one of both challenges and triumphs, reinforcing our shared commitment to the rugged beauty of our continent and the spirit of camaraderie that defines us. As we look forward to the festivities and the promise of a new year filled with potential, let's cherish the memories made and anticipate the adventures that await.

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## LET'S TALK ORRA

Staying connected is crucial for any off-road adventure, and the Off-Road Radio Association (ORRA) has been a trusted partner for the LROC for decades. Facilitating reliable and legal communication, ORRA ensures that we can focus on exploring the wild while staying safe and connected.

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## Driving the Experience

Reflecting on 2024: Shaping Our 2025 Adventures

Our Club boasts a storied tradition of orchestrating truly enchanting events for Land Rover enthusiasts. From our inaugural gathering on a dusty mine dump on the 10th of September, 1960, to our most recent adventure, the annual Loskop Weekend Away hosted by Attie Smit from November 8th to 10th, 2024, these events are woven into the very fabric of our Club's

DNA. Each gathering not only celebrates our shared passion for Land Rover but also strengthens the bonds within our community, making each event a cherished chapter in our collective journey.

In 2024, our Adventure Planner took a daring leap, aiming to rekindle the adventurous spirit that defines our Club's legacy. We expanded our events portfolio to include everything

from extended weekend getaways that stitch new memories, to events designed specifically to forge new friendships and broaden the horizons across which our Land Rover Owners Club members roam. Our itinerary also featured exhilarating cross-border excursions and trails, providing phenomenal experiences that spanned the rugged to the refined, including the increasingly popular 'Landys and Lattes' coffee meet-

ups. Each event was crafted to ensure that every member found something thrilling, making every journey with us a unique adventure.

This eclectic mix of events led to some intriguing outcomes, each serving as a critical touchpoint as we navigate the challenges of maintaining relevance in an ever-evolving world. As the Land Rover brand itself modernizes, we too

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strive to innovate, without losing the essence of the rugged adventure that has been our hallmark for decades. These experiences are a testament to our commitment to blending tradition with innovation, ensuring that the spirit of Land Rover adventure continues to thrive across generations.

Setting the stage for a year brimming with unforgettable adventures, January kicked off with the Turtle Experience hosted in the picturesque Bhanga Nek. This event was truly magical, seamlessly weaving one delightful experience into another amidst the natural beauty of Bhanga Nek's pristine beaches. It was a remarkable experience watching turtles nest their eggs, leaving an indelible mark on all who attended.

The journey for some continued beyond our local borders to Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), which set the scene for our mid-year cross-border adventure from July 14th to 17th, 2024, at Hlane Royal National Park. This event, although smaller in scale, offered an astonishing array of experiences. Participants enjoyed breathtaking drives through the Eswatini wilderness ↗

and engaged in enchanting local activities, including watching the artful process of candle making at Swazi Candles and feeling the intense heat of craftsmanship at Ngwenya Glass, both of which showcased the rich cultural tapestry of Eswatini.

The ZF Technical Day, expertly curated by Gavin Fletcher, reintroduced a technical dimension to our event lineup. Although it stood as the sole technical event of the year, the impressive attendance highlighted our membership's ongoing fascination with the mechanical aspects of our lifestyle. This keen interest suggests a need for a more integrated approach in 2025, ensuring that technical elements are woven more thoroughly throughout our annual events calendar.

Our Club's proud tradition of championing initiatives that uphold the spirit of African adventure shone brightly this year. We were thrilled to support two significant efforts: the annual Tembe Work Week and Fundraiser event, and marshalling for the EWT Trail Run. The latter is a nascent trail running event orchestrated by the Endangered Wildlife Trust to support their ↗

conservation efforts in Madeki Game Reserve, nestled in the Soutpansberg Mountain Range at the northern edge of South Africa. Both events not only highlighted our Club's collaborative ethos but also reinforced our deep-rooted commitment to the preservation of the African wilderness, strengthening our bonds with these vital institutions.

Despite our many successes, not all our events met with the enthusiasm we anticipated. This was particularly perplexing given the strong interest expressed in the 2023 survey for the initiation of these types of supportive events. Unfortunately, the EWT Volunteer Effort did not come to fruition due to a combination of EWT's lack of readiness to receive support in 2024 and diminished interest from our members.

Similarly, the Gauteng arm of the Outdoor & Adventure Expo, premiered by fellow Club member Andre Vester in Broederstroom from August 16th to 18th, 2024, also experienced lackluster support. This low engagement forced Andre to seek partnerships outside the Club to sustain his event. While Andre remains dedicated ↗ to the Club, this shift

in strategy for garnering support is a development we deeply regret.

Another category that struggled to garner interest was the Trail Blaze Events, which were designed to challenge participants with some of Gauteng's tougher off-road trails. The low turnout for these events suggests a hesitancy among members to engage with the more demanding aspects of off-road driving. While there may be various reasons behind this trend, it's clear that in the Gauteng region, trail events are overshadowed by the increasingly popular 'Landys and Lattes.' This casual gathering has seen remarkable growth, with October's event achieving the highest participation rate of any event in 2024, boasting over 30 Land Rovers proudly displayed in the parking lot.

These preferences, as clearly expressed by our members, have been thoughtfully incorporated into our 2025 events strategy. This guidance ensures that we continue to deliver events that resonate deeply with our community, fostering engagement and enjoyment.

This year's Eastern Cape Tour, hosted by our fellow Club member Noël Andrews, was a standout event that left participating members thoroughly impressed. It provided an ideal setting for various LROC structures to unite and celebrate the strong bonds of Club camaraderie. Echoing the magical allure of the Turtle Experience, this spectacular tour was brimming with activities. A packed daily agenda ensured that members were constantly engaged, exploring the stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage of a truly magnificent part of the country.

While the majority of events in 2024 were designed to offer members the chance to engage in ↗

the collective experience of hosted Club events, there were two key initiatives throughout the year aimed at fostering connections and strengthening the bonds our Club has with institutions dedicated to supporting and protecting the wilderness environments we cherish as adventurers. Early in the year, we visited the EWT's Madeki Game Reserve, marking the start of our collaborative planning efforts with the Endangered Wildlife Trust. Then, in May, the Club journeyed to Ithala Game Reserve in KZN. There, we explored partnership opportunities with the Ithala Honorary Rangers, engaging in experiences that spanned the majestic wilderness of the Ithala Game Reserve. These visits not only highlighted our commitment to conservation but also enriched our members' appreciation of South Africa's natural heritage.

A year filled with tremendous experiences wouldn't be complete without our beloved mainstay events, which have evolved into highly sought-after annual gatherings. Among these, the recently hosted Loskop Weekend Away stands out, along with the Willems Rus Camping Weekend, which was hosted by Attie in April. Additionally, the Battlefields Tour, orchestrated by Colin Ross in March, has all the hallmarks of an iconic event. With its unique blend of historical exploration and community spirit, it is poised to secure its place as a perennial favorite in the LROC annual event calendar.

While 2024 was undeniably a bustling year filled with opportunities for exploration and adventure, it's crucial that we carefully consider the engagement from our broader membership base in the event planning process. At the same time,

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we must honor our Club's historical positioning as a bastion of adventure and exploration in truly magnificent vehicles—Land Rovers. This balance will ensure that our future events continue to resonate with and inspire our community, preserving the legacy that defines us.

The principles discussed have already been applied, to some extent, in planning the 2025 events calendar. However, it's recognized that this initial calendar represents just a glimpse of the potential events that could unfold throughout the year. A particular emphasis will be placed on technical events to captivate the technically curious members of our community. Additionally, a renewed focus on training and trials will be a crucial endeavor in 2025 as we strive to rationalize and ensure a future for these categories of events.

While specific efforts will be made to revitalize technical events in line with member participation outcomes, it's important to note that 2025 also marks a significant milestone for our Club. Celebrating 65 years is no small feat and is certainly worthy of a grand celebration. Planning for this monumental event has already begun, under the careful stewardship of the 65th Birthday Celebration Sub Committee, led by Jennifer Howard. This celebration will not only honor our past but also inspire our future, reinforcing our Club's legacy of adventure and community.

As we reflect on the insights gained, the meticulous planning, and the rejuvenation of our events, we are confident that 2025 will bring an even more exciting portfolio of events, designed to enhance the adventure and camaraderie of Club membership. As we bid farewell to 2024, let us celebrate our successes, learn from our disappointments, and step into 2025

rejuvenated and ready for new adventures. Together, we will embrace the camaraderie of a community that has evolved over 65 years, continuously strengthening our bond through the shared spirit of adventure.

Clint Mason  
Chairperson



## Serving with Purpose

Executive Committee Leadership in 2025

**As 2024 winds down, the Executive Committee is earnestly preparing for the 2025 LROC Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is to occur within the first two months of a calendar year, as mandated by our Club Constitution. The AGM is a highlight for our Club, consistently attracting a robust turnout of members each year.**

While specific details regarding the AGM will be disclosed in alignment with the stipulations of our Club's Constitution, a key item on the agenda will be the appointment of the Executive Committee. This vital group is tasked with representing the collective interests of our membership and overseeing the Club's operations.

Section 6 of the Club's Constitution specifies the composition of the Executive Committee, which includes a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Trials Officer, Driver Trainer, Marketing Officer, Magazine Editor, Digital Officer, Copy Editor, Sales Officer, Club Secretary, Financial Officer, and Membership Secretary. These roles collectively contribute to the management and strategic direction of the Club, ensuring its operations are effectively carried out.

A Member becomes eligible for election to the Executive Committee provided they have maintained membership in the Club for at least one year immediately preceding their nomination. This criterion ensures that all candidates possess a foundational understanding of the Club's operations and ethos, crucial for informed decision-making and effective leadership.

The Constitution makes provision for nominations to the Executive Committee, which must be submitted in writing and include the signatures of the nominee, the proposer, and the seconder. These nominations must be delivered or emailed to the Club Secretary no later than seven days prior to the General Meeting. This procedure ensures that all nominations are formally recognized and properly processed in a timely manner, facilitating organized and efficient election proceedings.

The Constitution further stipulates that members of the Executive Committee shall automatically retire after holding office for a period of two years. However, retiring members are eligible for reelection, allowing for continuity and experienced leadership within the committee. Additionally, any Executive Committee member may resign by submitting a written notice to the

committee at any time, providing flexibility and ensuring that personal or professional circumstances do not adversely affect the governance of the Club.

The incumbent Executive Committee has engaged in thoughtful discussions regarding the continuation of portfolio management for the Club in 2025. We are pleased to confirm their collective willingness to continue serving the Club in their respective capacities as outlined below:

**Chairperson**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.1: Clint Mason currently serves as the Chairperson, elected to the role in 2023. Clint has confirmed his availability for re-election in 2025.

**Vice-Chairperson**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.2: Paul Diessel currently serves as the Vice-Chairperson, elected to the role in 2024. Paul shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

**Trials Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.3: Vacant

**Driver Trainer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.4: Vacant

**Marketing Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.5: Rori Meanwell currently serves as the Marketing Officer, elected to the role in 2024. Rori

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shall be serving her second year in office in 2025.

**Magazine Editor**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.6: Vacant

**Digital Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.7: Vacant

**Copy Editor**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.8: Vacant


**Sales Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.9: Vacant

**Club Secretary**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.10: Stephen Howard was seconded into the position of Club Secretary shortly after the 2024 AGM. Stephen has confirmed his availability to be elected to this position in 2025.

**Financial Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.11: Coenie Du Toit currently serves as the Financial Officer, elected to the role in 2024. Coenie shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

**Membership Secretary**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.12: Jonathan Bydendyk currently serves as the Membership Secretary, elected to the role in 2024. Jonathan shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

Members interested in serving the Club in an official capacity in 2025 are encouraged to contact Clint Mason to express their interest. This initial contact will allow us to note their intent and clarify the various processes involved, ensuring correct engagement and effective onboarding. Moreover, it is crucial that the responsibilities associated with such volunteered participation are thoroughly understood. This understanding is vital to ensure that the duties of the portfolio and the actions required to meet the objectives of the position are clearly comprehended and executed.

We eagerly anticipate delivering another 

tremendously exciting year of adventure in 2025. We look forward to engaging with all our members as we continue to revel in the excitement and benefits that come with membership in the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa.




## Celebrating Our Journey

A Festive Message from the Chair

**As the festive season approaches and the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journeys we have embarked upon and the paths we've yet to tread. It's been a year filled with remarkable achievements and shared adventures that have further bonded us as a community of Land Rover enthusiasts. On behalf of the Executive Committee, it is with immense pride that I extend heartfelt season's greetings to you and your families.**

This year, like every year, was marked by challenges and opportunities that tested our resilience and deepened our commitment to our shared passion for Land Rovers and adventure. Whether navigating through the rugged terrains of our beautiful continent or coming together to support community initiatives, your spirit of adventure and camaraderie has been unwavering.

The festive season is a time of joy, reflection, and anticipation. It's a moment to cherish the memories we've created and to look forward with excitement to what the new year will bring. As we all prepare to spend time with our loved ones, I wish you all safe travels on your festive journeys. Whether you're heading to remote corners of 

our stunning landscape or celebrating at home, may your travels be safe and your adventures plentiful.

Our Land Rovers are more than just vehicles; they are our companions in the pursuit of discovery and adventure. They not only carry us safely to our destinations but also symbolize our passion for exploring the uncharted. This festive season, let's take a moment to appreciate these remarkable machines that enable our adventures and unite us as a Club.

Looking ahead, the new year holds promise and potential. We have exciting plans for Club activities, off-road excursions, and community projects that will offer even more opportunities for us to come together and share our passion. I am enthusiastic about what we have planned for 2025, and I am confident that it will be another year of memorable adventures that reinforce our bonds and our commitment to the spirit of Land Rover ownership.

Moreover, the safety and happiness of our members are paramount. As you traverse the diverse landscapes our continent has to offer, remember to uphold the highest standards of safety and to preserve the natural beauty that makes Africa unique. Let's continue to be ambassadors of responsible off- 

roading and environmental stewardship.

This holiday season, amidst the laughter and cheer, let's also remember to give back to the communities we travel through. Small acts of kindness and generosity can make a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Together, we can spread the festive spirit far and wide.

As we gear up for 2025, let us also renew our commitment to the Club and to each other. Let's strive to make the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa more vibrant and exciting, fostering a welcoming environment for all who share our love of Land Rovers and adventure.

In closing, I wish you all a season filled with joy, peace, and adventure. May your festive season be bright, and may the new year bring you and your families happiness and health. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our Club—it is your energy and passion that drive us forward.

Happy holidays, safe travels, and here's to creating more unforgettable memories together in 2025!


Clint Mason  
Chairperson

# Welcome to our Newest Members...

**As the Chairperson of our Club, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We are thrilled to have you join our community of passionate Land Rover enthusiasts who share a common love for adventure, exploration, and camaraderie.**

A little while ago I was reminded of the profound impact that our Club can have on our lives by Paul Foster, the Chairperson of the LROC PE Chapter, who stated, "I am never leaving the Club, you never know who is joining next and you never know... they might very well be your next best friend." These words truly resonated with me as they highlight the power of connection and friendship that lies at the heart of our Club.

Although our Club has been in existence for over 63 years and has matured as an organization, and we recognize that we are never too old to make new friends and embrace new experiences.

We are excited to have you as part of our 

community, and we look forward to creating new memories and sharing many adventures together.

I invite you to take advantage of the numerous events and activities that we offer and to fully immerse yourselves in the Land Rover Owners' Club of Southern Africa. It is through your participation and enthusiasm that we will continue to thrive and grow as a community.

Once again, welcome to our Club. I hope you enjoy being a part of it as much as I do, and I look forward to seeing you soon and sharing the joy of Land Rover ownership with you.

Clint Mason  
Chairperson

Whoops, that's a shame. There are no new members to introduce to our awesome community of Landy Owners

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# Let's talk ORRA

**Effective communication is a vital part of any off-road adventure, and for the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa (LROC), the Off-Road Radio Association (ORRA) ensures that members can stay connected reliably and legally. Since its establishment in 1977 by the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa, the 4x4 ATV Club (then the Jeep Club of Southern Africa), and the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa, ORRA has been at the forefront of facilitating two-way radio communication for off-road enthusiasts across the country.**

ORRA has grown alongside advancements in technology, beginning with 27MHz CB radios in its early years, before transitioning to 29MHz frequencies in 1979, and introducing VHF frequencies in 2006 in collaboration with the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA). This progression reflects ORRA's commitment to providing reliable and modern communication solutions to meet the needs of the off-road community.

A cornerstone of ORRA's role is recognizing legitimate off-road clubs and granting their members access to radio licenses. This structured approach fosters responsible use of radio communication while ensuring compliance with South Africa's Telecommunications Act. By managing specific frequencies for off-road activities, ORRA promotes safe, effective communication that enhances the overall off-road experience.

ORRA also facilitates cross-border communication for adventurers exploring Botswana and Namibia. Through 

carefully negotiated agreements, LROC members and other enthusiasts can legally use their VHF radios in these countries, provided they obtain the required documentation in advance. This initiative is invaluable for off-roaders who want to remain connected during their journeys beyond South Africa's borders.

For LROC members who wish to join ORRA's network, the process is straightforward. By submitting an application form along with proof of club membership and the required fees, members can secure a user authorization card, granting them access to ORRA's designated radio frequencies. This ensures compliance with national regulations while unlocking a critical tool for safety and coordination during off-road adventures.

The importance of using licensed radio equipment cannot be overstated. Operating unlicensed transmitters is not only illegal but can disrupt vital communication networks. ORRA's licensing framework ensures that off-road enthusiasts can enjoy worry-free communication while respecting broader communication systems.

Whether navigating tough trails, coordinating convoy movements, or sharing stories over the airwaves, reliable communication is essential for any off-road adventure. ORRA's work makes it easier than ever for LROC members to focus on what matters most—exploring the rugged beauty of Southern Africa. For more information or to apply for a license, visit ORRA's official website at [www.orra.co.za](http://www.orra.co.za).

# Future Events

Because owning a Landy means there is always something to look forward to!

LROC Event

## Landys and Lattes - December 2024



**From:**

Sat, 07 Dec 2024 09:30

**To:**

Sat, 07 Dec 2024 14:00

**Hosted By:**


Clint Mason

**Venue:**

Rietvlei Nature Reserve Coffee Shop

As the year draws to a close, we're excited to invite you to the last Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa event for 2024—Landys and Lattes, happening at the charming Rietvlei Nature Reserve Coffee Shop. This special gathering is the perfect opportunity to come together, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and celebrate the adventures and memories we've shared throughout the year.

The Rietvlei Nature Reserve Coffee Shop provides a cozy and welcoming atmosphere, ideal for our year-end get-together. Known for its freshly brewed coffee and tasty breakfast options, it's a wonderful spot to connect with fellow Land Rover enthusiasts while enjoying the serene surroundings of the reserve.

Rietvlei Nature Reserve, located just outside Pretoria, is one of Gauteng's treasured natural escapes. Spanning over 3,800 hectares, the reserve is home to an incredible variety of wildlife, including rhinos, zebras, cheetahs, and an abundance of bird species. With its tranquil dams, picnic spots, and scenic views, it's the perfect backdrop for our final 

event of the year.

Let's make this a morning to remember! Bring your Land Rover, join us for a hearty breakfast, and share your favourite moments of 2024 as we toast to another year of camaraderie, exploration, and adventure.

LROC Event

## Rand Hunt Club Outing 2025



**From:**

Sun, 19 Jan 2025 07:30

**To:**

Sun, 19 Jan 2025 12:00

**Hosted By:**

Dirk Uys

**Venue:**

Inanda Country Base

**Booking Cutoff:**

15 Jan 2025

**Costs:**

R200 per vehicle

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The Rand Hunt Club is thrilled to invite members of the LROC to a special Hunt on Sunday, 19th January 2025, at the beautiful Inanda Country Base. It's been a decade since the LROC last visited the Rand Hunt Club, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome you back for this unique and exhilarating experience.

Founded in 1886 as the Germiston Hunt Club, the Rand Hunt Club is steeped in history and tradition. Based in Kyalami, near Johannesburg, the club is a cornerstone of South Africa's equestrian community. It specializes in drag hunting, a thrilling pursuit where hounds follow a pre-laid scent trail across the countryside, offering all the excitement

of a traditional hunt without involving live quarry.

The Rand Hunt's events are renowned for their vibrant atmosphere, camaraderie, and the spectacle of the hounds at work. Now in its 137th season, the Hunt officially kicked off with the Opening Meet on 24th November 2024, setting the stage for another remarkable year of adventure.

For the LROC members, this event offers a chance to be part of the action in a truly unique way. The LROC convoy will join the "car followers," navigating a scenic route that lets participants witness the hounds and riders in full flight across the fields. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in the tradition and thrill of drag hunting without saddling up!

After the excitement of the hunt, members are invited to relax and unwind with a hearty breakfast or lunch at Fangio's Restaurant on-site (at your own expense). It's the perfect way to round off an unforgettable day.

This is a rare opportunity to experience the energy and elegance of the Rand Hunt Club's tradition while enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow LROC members. Don't miss out—mark your calendars and prepare for a day of history, adventure, and fun!

We can't wait to see you there!

# Event Reports

Because owning a Landy means we are doing something worth writing about!

LROC Event

## Loskop Weekend Away 2024



**Date:**

8 November 2024

**Hosted By:**

Attie Smit

**Venue:**

Seekoeigat, Loskop

This year marked the 21st consecutive Loskop Weekend Away, an event deeply cherished by the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. Held at the picturesque Seekoeigat in the Loskop Valley, the event continues to be a favorite, with 16 of the 20 families in attendance being regular participants.

Our journey commenced on Thursday for some early birds, with the event stretching to Monday for four families—a testament to the growing popularity of extending this serene escape. The cool weather throughout the weekend made our off-road excursions thoroughly enjoyable. Our adventure led us through the Kruis River trails, beginning at an elevation of 900 meters and climbing to 1400 meters. We also had the opportunity to visit the neighboring farms of Roodewal and Roodepoort, where three vehicles explored additional terrains.

Saturday evening was spent in the warm glow of the Kalahari TV, a communal moment of relaxation and camaraderie. The weekend's serenity was punctuated by Sunday morning's thunderstorm, an invigorating start to the day that only enhanced the natural beauty surrounding us.

The Loskop Valley has always held a special place in our hearts, particularly Diepkloof. Our enduring relationship with the Friends of Loskop and various research teams at the Loskop Reserve has enriched our experiences significantly. This year, the Friends of Loskop went above and beyond to make our visits memorable, arranging special permits to explore areas like Kanongat. It is with some regret that we recall a missed opportunity earlier this year when they sought our help, and we were unable to assist.

The goodwill extended by local farmers, allowing us to traverse their lands, never ceases to amaze me. It's a privilege we cherish deeply, underscored by the trust and generosity that define these relationships. A special acknowledgment goes to Pieter de la Port, who has been instrumental in sourcing these magnificent venues since 2003.

As we reflect on another restful weekend, filled with good times and great company, we look forward to the next gathering under the big tree. Until then, we carry with us the memories of another splendid Loskop Weekend Away.

See you all under the big tree soon.

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LR Classic (member André Verster) hosts a 4x4 fun day at B'Sorah Trails on Saturday 12 October 2024. It is the same venue as the recent Outdoor and Adventure Expo in Broederstroom. We will enjoy driving the 4x4 obstacle course. Please send André an email by the latest end of September if you would like to participate in driving the 4x4 obstacle course – entry cost R100 per vehicle: [andre@lrclassic.com](mailto:andre@lrclassic.com)

GREAT NEWS: The LandyFest is back with a BANG! Diarize the LandyFest for the weekend of 28 February 2025. Venue will be at B'Sorah Trails. Weekend camping, 4x4 obstacle course, Landy games – lots of prizes, food carts, craft beer, 4x4 drive-out, kids entertainment. More on the LandyFest in newsletters to follow, we will be adding the LandyFest data on the website soon: [www.lrclassic.com](http://www.lrclassic.com), and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LRClassicSA>. Ticket sales will go online by 15 December 2024.