

LROC NEWS

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ABOVE: The New year Breakfast Run from January 2020

AGM During Lockdown

JAKOB JORDAAN

Up until the announcement of the State President about the amended Lockdown 3 restrictions till 15 February 2021, the LROC Executive Committee thought we were still on top of planning that an exciting 2021 awaits the club. It seemed during the latter part of 2020 that the Covid 19 situation would improve to such an extent that 2021 could be an excellent year for club events. At the time we grabbed the opportunity and started planning a full events year. Optimism was good, opportunity was good.

Only soon to realise that the virus was playing another trick. The rules changed again. It came as an uncomfortable shocker to us that our optimism for organising events could be short-lived. Worst was still coming our way when we started talking about the AGM.

The Executive Committee deliberated the situation intensively at the January 2021 meeting and had to accede to the amended lockdown regulations while keeping the safety of our members as the highest guiding priority.

AGM During Lockdown

Events for the short term were cancelled although we went ahead to plan events from March onwards. We maintain our optimism, as it is easier to cancel or postpone a well-planned event than to try and organise one successfully in limited time. We all know the unpredictability of the situation although it did not dampen our optimism for planning and the committee decided to follow the principle of postponement rather than cancellation.

That brings us to the two mega events for 2021. The Jubilee and the AGM.

The Jubilee Celebration is postponed from the March weekend to the 2021 Heritage weekend from 23 to 26 September 2021. At this stage we want to inform you about a growing sentiment amongst the Jubilee Organising Committee that if the Jubilee had to be postponed again, this could be stretched towards a 65-year celebration. A final announcement could be expected closer to the Heritage weekend this year.

The AGM is a different story all together. The Club is bound by the rules of the Constitution to have an AGM within a fixed time slot after the financial year end. The planned AGM for 20 February borders that time limit already. Postponement is not an option. An attendance event is not an option, as was explained earlier on. We are left with little more option that to go for a full virtual meeting. The run-of-the-mill packages like Skype, Zoom, MTeams etc. have limitations, not only from an attendance point of view where we expect more than 100 attendees, but also from a controlled access and a regulated voting system, just to name a few.

The Club Secretary is hard at work to explore different options and mechanisms and we have full confidence that he will find the right platform in time. More information will follow as we go along towards the AGM.


In the meantime, have a great day, stay safe and we hope to hear you at the AGM!

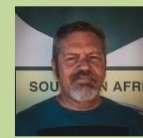
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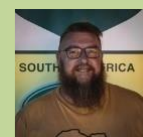
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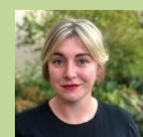
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ASSISTANCE

Landy Crank
micro-economy crank start

It is during the toughest of times that the best of us need to ensure that we do everything possible to make a situation better, and there can be no doubt that the financial effects of COVID-19 on the economies of the world will be catastrophic.

Whether you agree with the strategies implemented or not, it is a certainty that in tough economic times, it is each of our responsibility to do everything we can to support recovery.

Whilst in isolation an effort may seem insignificant, it is through implementation of effort that change is affected and with sufficient volume, insignificant effort becomes a tidal wave, a force of nature that sweeps through, changing a landscape.

We want to be part of the solution and as a well-established and respected organisation loving all things Land Rover, we intend playing our part with the implementation of Landy Crank, our micro-economy crank start program intended to help Land Rover centric enterprise get going again!

It's hardly surprising that an organisation of our pedigree would get down and dirty to help, after all, it's part of who we are, we never leave a Landy behind, never have and never will, that's what makes us brilliant!

If you would like to gain a little more insight into the intent and mechanics of the program, you are more than welcome to make contact via electronic mail to either admin@lroc.org.za or editor@lroc.org.za



ASSISTANCE

Off-Road
Radio
Association



ORRA

The Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa is a proud founding member of the Off-Road Radio Association (ORRA). ORRA was started in 1977 by the 4x4 ATV Club (then the Jeep Club of Southern Africa), the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa and the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa.

The first radios that were licensed to ORRA, by the then Post Office, for use in the 4x4 environment was the 27 MHz (CB) radios in 1977. In 1979 the Post Office decided not to reissue licences to ORRA for the 27Mhz frequency but to change the licence for use by ORRA to the 29Mhz frequency that is still being used today.

Your LROC membership grants you access to the Radio licensing services offered through ORRA. To begin your journey, contact admin@lroc.org.za and request a confirmation of membership letter be issued to you which will be required by ORRA as part of your application. Thereafter, your annual licensing fees are paid directly to ORRA. Visit their website to purchase and license your Off-Road radio easily.

ORRA Contact details:

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e-mail: admin@orra.co.za
Website: www.orra.co.za



Check out the Classifieds section for cool Landy accessories, camping gear and spare parts.
www.lroc.org.za/classifieds/



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MEMBERS

Members’News

It all began way back in 1960 when Frank Dandridge, who owned a 1957 Series I Short Wheel Base station wagon and Reg Whitley, who owned a 1960 Series II Long Wheel Base station wagon decided that a Club should be formed to bring like-minded people who are passionate about their Land Rovers together. Over the years the faces have changed, as have the Land Rovers themselves, but we still do what we have always done... bring people who share a passion for Land Rovers together.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

MARTIN KUHLMANN

Harold Eggar

From Bryanston driving a 2013 Discovery 4

Gerco & Cullen Serfontein

From Louis Trichardt driving a 2012 Defender 110 2.2L Diesel Station Wagon

Jaco & Jeanne Serfontein

From West acres driving a 1949 Series 1 80"

DIGITAL

Digital Resources at Hand

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www.lroc.org.za/fb/

Instagram

www.lroc.org.za/ig/

WhatsApp

www.lroc.org.za/wa/

News

groups.google.com/g/lroc-news

Techtorque

groups.google.com/g/lroc-techtorque

Anthony & Angie van Wijk

From Villieria driving a 2010 LR Defender SW 110 2.4 Puma

Sean & Janine Riley

From Wilropark Ext14 driving a 2006 Defender 110 TD5 and a 2012 Disco 4

Umar Manjra & Aishah Hassim

From Mayfair West driving a 2011 Freelander 2

Maik Reichelt

From Gehrden driving a 2003 Defender td5 d/c

Jaco & Yolandie Van Heerden

From Vaalview driving a 1980 Series 3 and a 2000 Discovery 2

Andre & Lizette Albasini

From Kempton Park driving a 2013 Discovery 4

Daniel de Klerk & Lia van der Walt

From Riviera driving a 1957 Series 1, Pick-up and a 1997 Defender 110, 2.8L





EVENTS AND 4X4 SAFARIS FOR LAND ROVER ENTHUSIASTS!



DIARIZE THE FOLLOWING EXCITING EVENTS:

Book on website: www.lrclassic.com for all events!

Contact André Verster 083 640 3057 or andre@lrclassic.com

26 to 28 February 2021: Series Rally to Cullinan– the diamond jubilee. Join us for a fun camping weekend full of surprises and activities. For Series Landies and other Land Rover owners!

1 – 5 April 2021: Long weekend. Any Land Rover welcome to join on an epic safari to Ithala Big4 Game Reserve – unfenced camping at this hidden jewel! 4x4 driving, game viewing, activities, relaxation!! Hurry to secure your reservation!!

May 2021: Weekend of 7 to 9 May LANDY FESTIVAL TIME at Rust de Winter. Join us at the LR Festival for a weekend packed with fun activities, stalls, food court, beer garden, exhibitor stands, Series Landy Games, drive-outs, and much more! Everybody welcome!

12 to 27 June 2021: LR Classic Safari to wild Mozambique– “Surf and Turf Safari”. All Land Rovers welcome. Note this is a rough one, overlanding-type wild camping and fully self-sufficient Safari.

8 to 13 August 2021: LR Classic Series Trophy in Limpopo Magoebaskloof and Tzaneen area. This is our first Series Trophy of many more to come. This is a classic event reserved for **Series Land Rovers only**. Lots of prizes and authentic memorabilia. DO NOT MISS THIS if you own a vintage Series Land Rover!!

19 to 22 March 2021: Series Rally to Chrissiesmeer **long weekend**. Froggies, flamingos, lakes, plantation dirt roads, Goliath, campfire stories and much more! For Series Landies and other Land Rover owners!

23 to 27 April 2021: Long weekend. Any Land Rover welcome to join us for a relaxing weekend bush camping awfully close to home in Broederstroom on a lovely game and cattle farm. Listen to jackal calls at night. 4x4, sightseeing, hiking, mountain biking and much more!

7 to 16 May 2021: Join us on an “after-festival” party on wilderness Series Mapungubwe Botswana Safari. Awesome Series Safari!! For Series Landies and other Land Rover owners!

14 to 25 July 2021: LR Classic Series Kruger National Park Safari. Join us on this authentic 11 days Safari to Kruger National Park in your vintage Series Landy, classic Defender or any other Land Rover. This is a special Safari from Magoebaskloof and covering KNP from top to bottom! Punda Maria, Tsendze, Letaba, Satara, Skukuza, Pretoriuskop and stunning end of the adventure in Dullstroom!

September to December 2021: Follow the website www.lrclassic.com



FUTURE EVENT

Mountain Drive & Action Trial

Jakob Jordaan
26 March

Date: 27 March – 28 March
Time: 08:30 Saturday – 15:00 Sunday
Booking Cut-off: 24 March
Payment Cut-off: 24 March
Venue: Rust de Winter
Costs: R250 for Mountain Drive, R50 for Trial entry
GPS Co-ordinates: (Main gate) S25.20006° E28.57411°
(Gymkana grounds) S25.19876°
E28.57998°
Host: Jakob Jordaan
Contact: Cell: 082 808 1422
More info [Here](#) (check the day visitor and comping costs)

This event is pending Lockdown Regulations and a final call for cancellation or go-ahead will be made on Friday 12 March 2021

We are going back to the ever-so-popular Rust de Winter venue. It offers awesome camping grounds under century old “Apiesdoring” trees with lots of shade and great ablution facilities. There is ample space on the camping grounds for kids to play, run or cycle around!

The Saturday is allocated for a mountain drive which offers the most amazing views from the mountain top. You will need to bring your own recovery gear, enough drinking water for all your passengers and something to munch for the picnic at the top. Please note that Rust de Winter might cancel the Mountain Drive if we have less than 10 vehicles going on the drive.

The Sunday is allocated for the Action Trial. This trial is not so much about testing your technical driving skills but rather about how much fun you and your family could have in a Landy whilst doing all sorts of fun type driving activities

This is gonna be good fun!

FUTURE EVENT

Treasure Hunt

Dirk Uys / Clive Foord
7 February

Date: 7 February
Time: 08:00 – 12:00
Booking Cut-off: 4 February
Payment Cut-off: none required
(Admin to take bookings)
Venue: (Starting point) Jaguar Land Rover Centurion
Costs: none
GPS Co-ordinates: -25.86769, 28.19338
Hosts: Dirk Uys and Clive Foord
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(Clive Foord) Cell: 082 446 1475
Email: vicechair@lroc.org.za

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Website

It is time to get the Landy out and navigate some gravel roads.

All Covid protocols will be adhered to. Bookings are essential. Each vehicle will be assigned its own starting time. There will be no gathering of members at the start or end point.

Especially important, this event is GPS based. The route is based on directions and GPS waypoints. The route cannot be completed on the directions only as many of the dirt roads are not signposted.

This will also be a test of your situational awareness by spotting answers to questions along the way.

The route directions with waypoints will be emailed prior to event.

A questionnaire will be issued at the start point. The completed questionnaire must be handed in at the final waypoint.

This will take team work so bring the whole family, pack some padkos and remember to bring a pen.

To quote a good friend: “Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!”



EVENT FEEDBACK

Loskop Away Weekend

There is a feeling of satisfaction when a plan comes together and everyone enjoys the event, driving 30km on a 3 000h farm and a campsite as beautiful as Seekoeigat. Sitting there and staring at the slow motion of the Olifants River and listening to nature’s beautiful sound.

Since 2003, the LROC paid visits to Seekoeigat and the planning started in January already. With the dark Covid 19 clouds on the horizon and without the time to search and recce other venues for off roading, we decided to revisit Diepkloof again this year – some of us have been there in the past and last year’s drive was a good one with some new tracks thrown in. You may recall the event’s announcement in the Newsletter. Well, we were yet again surprised with a “new” Diepkloof.

We have done only one third of the 3 000h farm in the past and now there was a 30km route awaiting us. That meant that we had to get earlier to the farm and the midday stop for lunch was just a quick stop to take a breather. At 07:30 we left camp with 16 vehicles whilst Kevin Prozesky left 20 minutes earlier in his 1955 Series 1 SWB accompanied by Rick Mason.

In total 18 vehicles (+1) took on the drive with the Series 1 the oldest and Andre Bothma’s brand new Defender, the youngest. The altitude altered frequently between 940 m above sea level to 1 420m and sometimes in not that many metres.

Some of were lucky enough to see game and kudu, rooibok, zebra, blouwildebeest, ribbok and baboon were spotted.

The drive went without incident and in my mind the hero of the day must be Kevin with the Series 1, which went all the way from Seekoeigat to Diepkloof and back on its own steam and did it in style without missing a beat. Don’t be fooled,all of us will testify that the drive tested your skills and the vehicles alike, with the last descent the most challenging of them all.

In total were we 44 persons and 22 vehicles at Seekoeigat for the weekend.

Like in the past, the monies collected for the drive, went to Rusoord Old Age Home in Marble Hall and a total amount of R3 800.00 was collected.

Once again thanks to Hendry Pieterse for allowing us on his farm, Charl, the game ranger on Diepkloof and Pieter de la Port for making the visit to Diepkloof possible.

Thanks for attending and watch this space for the next one under the big tree.

Attie Smit



Christmas Weekend and Kiddies Trial

On the last weekend of November, we ventured out of our homes and went on a quest to look for a rather large Hearty old man that would be bringing in and soon there was icing, sweets and gingerbread flying. Sadly, the building skills of some of the members leaves a lot to be desired, but in the end, we had some interesting structures, from Lapa’s, to shacks to full-on houses. After this we had some games for the kids to take part in and then we broke for lunch. This also gave Pieter, the Trial master a chance to setup the Trial for the afternoon.

After lunch there was clouds of dust as first-time drivers were given a chance to test their (non-existent) driving skills with incredibly nervous navigators. Come 2pm, and the troops were gathered for driver briefing and then to walk the course.

Now, I for one expected the course to be along the lines of “drive down this road, get to the bottom, turn around and come back”, but no, it was actually a fully-fledged off-road course with steep descents, steep ascents, wading through water, mud and ruts.

The scoring worked the same as the standard trials apart from reversing and roll backs were not penalised. Everybody had great fun, and then the biggest surprise was the last car through the course was Father Christmas in a beautifully restored Series 2A that also did the course!



We had a great turn out, at the end of the day there were 10 drivers, so the competition was high. But at the end of the day when the scores were tallied, Coenraad was the lucky recipient of the Kiddies Trial Trophy, well done there Coenraad.

Father Christmas was like the Pied Piper with a train of kids following him up the Lapa. Here he gathered the children and handed out the presents to all. Simon spoilt us all with donating some cheese gift packs for each family to enjoy as well.

Around 5-ish we started the braai fires and settled down to dissect the day’s happenings. Braai packs supplied by Madeleine, curtesy of LROC were distributed and soon the air was filled with the smells and sounds of the great outdoors, braai fires, meat braaiing and happy families socializing. The last treat of the day was a huge Christmas cake donated by Mandy for dessert. The rest of the evening was spent chewing the fat around the fire and catching up with old friends and making new friends. Come Sunday morning, and slowly the camp site started coming to life. Some people opted to pack up and get going while there were others that decided to hang around and make the most of the weekend.

A great big thank you to everyone that attended the weekend, without you there would be no Christmas weekend and a big Thank you to all the people that assisted with setting up the Trial, with the marshalling, setting up the fires and making the weekend a success.



End of Year Breakfast run

On a lovely Sunday morning, 6 December 2020, a group of LROC Members got out of bed early and drove North for the final outing of a rather interesting 2020.

We all met up at the Total Panorama Filling station on the N1 towards Polokwane. The plan was to meet at 7:30 to leave at 8:00.

Just before leaving, I checked up on the people that had booked and saw that we were missing a car, we should have had 7, but were missing Janet.

A quick call and we found out that somehow, she had got her wires crossed and was heading to Krugersdorp and not Polokwane!

Come 8:00 we had 6 vehicles together and hit the road north towards Dinokeng Game Reserve.

I kept Janet up to speed with where we were headed so that she could catch up with us at the breakfast stop.

We entered the park and did a slow loop around until we got to our picnic spot overlooking the river.

While we were waiting here for Janet to catch up with us, another land rover arrived with two young ladies, so obviously we wondered across and started chatting.

It turned out that they were from Finland and were driving through Africa to raise funds for conservation, how cool is that!

Chatting with the girls we found out that our very own Rob from Bespoke4x4 helped them set up their truck.

To follow their trip, log onto expeditionconservation.org.

After everyone had had their picnics that they had brought along it was suggested that we continue with the drive in the park and then go to a restaurant nearby for lunch. Some souls had to leave to get home but a hand full of us ended up having a lovely lunch and chatting until just on 4pm when we all went home after a very pleasant day out.



Technical day Lubrication Technology

The Technical Day on Lubrication Technology was held on Saturday 5 December 2020 at Base 4. It was attended by a whopping 18 people, more than what we expected.

And we thought we knew something about oils and greases.....

By the end of the day, we had a good understanding of the difference between Mineral and Synthetic oils, what Viscosity and Viscosity Index is, how to read oil specifications and much more. There is just so much more and a lot to learn about oils. We covered different grease applications and properties and even learned about brake fluids and engine coolants.

We also learned about the different Land Rover engines over the years and which oil suits which engine best, quite interesting!

The feedback from the LROC attendees were incredibly positive and a few of our members had the following to say:

- Philip Elliot – Thanks for a highly informative session with great interaction amongst delegates and trainer. This certainly informed me about the different lubricants and will ensure I make the correct lubricants selection next time I buy lubricants for my vehicle
- Rob Green – THE PRESENTATION WAS TOP LINE. THE TEAM WAS A PLEASURE TO DEAL WITH, IF THEY WERE WORKING FOR ME, I WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THEM. I WILL BE USING THE PRODUCTS IN THE FUTURE.



- Rod Peterson - I found the training most useful. It was informative and educational. The amount of discussion and the number of questions caused a slowdown in the presentation and, while some questions were relevant, others were not. Petrus accommodated the questions and comments and allowed the conversation to flow. Petrus is obviously deeply knowledgeable about the topic and has an easy, effective presentation style. It was great being at an LROC event. I always find the Tech Talks to be informative and educational. The venue is excellent – it provides that out-in-the-bush feel and adds to the atmosphere.

The initiative for this day came from one of our members, Juan van Rooyen. Juan organised some high-profile people from Engen’s Marketing department and an amazing lubrication technologist, Petrus, to present the day, thank you Juan & Petrus!

Engen has been so kind to give us an electronic copy of the presentation. At the back end of the presentation, you will find a list of products and its prices with Juan’s contact details. You can find a copy of the presentation and price list attached to the email you received with this Newsletter.

And of course, we had a braai afterwards to continue the Land Rover stories – always something to be learned!

Jakob Jordaan



PLANNING

2020 / 2021 Events Planner

CLIVE FOORD

DATES	EVENT	VENUE	RESPONSIBLE
2021			
January			
24	New year Breakfast Run	Heidelberg Heritage Museum	Clive Foord
30	Driver Training Module #1 POSTPONED		Pieter Greyling
31	Mountain Drive POSTPONED		Pieter Greyling
February			
6	Technical day GPS POSTPONED		Jakob Jodaan
7	LROC Treasure Hunt	Electronic	Clive Foord
13-14	Trial #1 POSTPONED		
20	AGM	ON LINE	
March			
14	New members braai		
19 - 22	60th Jubilee POSTPONED		
24 -27	Defender trophy Limpopo (Not a LROC outing)		
26 - 28	Action Trial & Mountain Drive	Rust de Winter	Jakob Jordaan

MEMBER ADS

Member Business advertisements

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Rob Leimer is back! He is selling series spares from the Kya Sands branch (1 Staal Street) you can contact him on 0719937453 or by email on jleimer@mweb.co.za watch this space for specials.

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