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Now there's A Name To Die For

MARLISE LOUW

It is quite an exciting time for our Land Rover Community. With so many new and exciting editions and variations to the Land Rover collection we can certainly count ourselves lucky to be able to see and experience their launches.

Not that I am throwing shade on any of the previous versions, they are all exceptional in their own ways. "Since 1948 Land Rover has been manufacturing Authentic 4x4s that represent true 'breadth of capability' across the model range" (Jaguar

This article serves to focus a bit more on the recent launches from Land Rover.

Several models of the 2021 Defender are already available with different sets of specs to choose from (and a 130 addition in the near future). But what currently takes the cake is the Defender V8 Bond Edition, inspired by the James Bond Film, *No Time To Die*. As a matter of fact, it was a brilliant way to market the Defender's capabilities and show the audience why so many people call themselves Land Rover enthusiast

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'Now There's A Name To Die For' -Continued

and why we choose to belong to clubs like ours.

The Range Rover released the new "Bespoke" edition in August. The Range Rover Bespoke received custom additions like its exclusive glass-flake paint, amongst others, that include Maya Blue Gloss, Marl Gray Gloss, and Ligurian Black colour options.

The 2021 Discovery with its slightly new body and more efficient powertrain. They come in petrol and diesel 3 litre straight-six Ingenium

engines, with the petrol being a Mild Hybrid. The D300 six-cylinder Ingenium diesel replaces the previous SD4 and SDV6 diesel engines. But, with its lightweight construction and spacious cabin, yet strong engine, the Discovery continues to be a comfortable and reliable SUVs to explorers and adventurers worldwide.

"Shocking. Positively shocking"

Regards
Marlise Louw
Digital Officer



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ASSISTANCE

Driver Training

That will make you want to go off-road with confidence!

Have you ever been a little bit nervous when you drive off-road with your Landy and the going starts getting really tough? Have you ever wondered how to safely recover your Landy out of a serious situation? Have you ever wondered how to prepare for overland travel and cross-border situations?

The Club understands these questions and can help you with answers and preparation through our Driver Training programme. We offer a total of five different Driver Training Modules.

Module 1 covers all the fundamentals of offroad driving: the driver, the vehicle and the environment. Module 2 covers the practical aspects of off-road driving by means of a mountain drive. Module 3 is an intense recovery training session with the focus on minimum damage to your vehicle and ensuring the safety of both driver and bystanders. Module 4 takes place over 2 days and covers overland and cross-border travel including packing the vehicle, accessories, negotiating border posts and much more. In Module 5 Bush Medicine and emergency training are covered.

The Club's Driver Trainers are experienced Club members who have travelled widely and have years of driving and recovery experience. In addition, they have been trained by the manufacturers of the off-road equipment used and recommended.

Successful completion of Modules 1, 2 and 3 means you earn yourself an Official LROC Driver Training certificate, and you can even repeat any module as many times as you wish.

Watch the Events Calendar in this newsletter for upcoming Driver Training sessions!



ASSISTANCE

Off-Road Radio Association



ORRA

Have you ever been on a Club event or been part of a Club convoy where there are some members who have the privilege of communicating with each other using VHF radios?

Transmitting devices and/or towers, whether SABC, Cell phone towers etc. are all controlled by legislation and regulations, by means of transmission (or radio) licences. Sound complicated? Well, it was until the LROCSA, 4x4 ATV Club and the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa came together in 1977 and formed the Off-Radio Radio Association (ORRA). ORRA is recognised and approved by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), to issue User Authorisations to own and operate off-road radios, exclusive to 4x4 Clubs and their members.

As a service to our Club members, we have a Radio Officer, Joe Gordon, who will assist you with getting your radio User Authorisation from ORRA and will assist you with the purchase of and/or having your VHF radio installed by a reputable and approved installer. Please be aware that LROC has 5 handheld VHF two-way radios available for use by paid-up members at official LROC events. Furthermore, we have a SWR meter available to check the efficiency of your radio's antenna installation on your Land Rover. For more information, please contact Joe at radio@lroc.org.za or at (083) 502-2449

NOTE: A Spectrum License gives authority to the holder to operate a two-way radio only within the frequencies allocated to that license.





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



Searching for something you can't find?

Visit the Classifieds section on our website and ask member for what you're looking for.

www.lroc.org.za/classifieds/wanted/

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

MICHAEL GUNDELFINGER

Martin Engelbrecht from Blairgowrie driving a 1997 Defender

Teunis Rooseboom from Heidelberg driving a 1995 Discovery 1 3.9i

Johan & Franso-Mari Olivier from Monument driving a 2006 Landrover Defender 110 2,5 TD5

Anton & Christina Breytenbach from Cloetesville driving a 2013 Land Rover Discovery 4 SDV6 SE

Clive & Megan Ritchie from Meyerton driving a 2019 Discovery 5



DIGITAL

Digital Resources at Hand

You can connect and interact with fellow Club members on the social platforms listed here:





At the bottom section of the club's home web page you will find the following links to register and chat about the topics listed:



Classifieds

Items for sales, wanted and member's businesses



News

Land Rover related news shared by our members



Chat

General chat around all things Land Rover



Techtorque

Technical discussions, information and request for assistance





EVENT FEEDBACK

Old Mill Drift Long Weekend

Mike Ilsley

With the cancellation of the 60th celebrations I decided to arrange a trip to one of the venues that we would have visited that weekend, Old Mill Drift farm, on the banks of the Caledon River bordering Lesotho. With 13 vehicles and 30 people booked we set off from Gauteng, in perfect weather. Two vehicles travelled down on Wednesday, with the rest following on Thursday or Friday. The group consisted of a mix of Land Rovers from the Defender range, with some Discovery's, and the members ranged from old hands to brand new members. On arrival, it was obvious that the site allocated to us was not ideal, and a bit small to accommodate our group, but we decided to stay put rather than move to one of the other camp areas, as there was no power at the other sites.

On the Friday we had opted to do the river trail, which winds along the banks of the Caledon. The sandstone formations in the area are stunning, with huge cliffs surrounding the convoy at times. The river makes many turns and each new vista was just as beautiful as the last. This is cattle area and they were dotted around the flatter areas. The birders were delighted to see a Bald Iris and add it to their lists. On the return trip we came to the point where the Old Mill Trail starts. We decided to scout the beginning of the trail which we had planned to do the next day. The beginning of the trail showed evidence that the trail had not been well maintained and that it was badly eroded. After about a kilometre we encountered

an obstacle that would be very risky to attempt with vehicles with roof top tents and loaded roof racks.

The convoy headed back to camp, stopping under some big trees on the banks of the river, for the lunch break. That evening, around the fire the route condition was discussed and a decision was taken, given the conditions, not to attempt the route. Knowing the area fairly well I selected a few places to visit the next day.

On Saturday, we took the dust roads along the river toward Fouriesburg, stopping to view the Queen Victoria sandstone formation. Then we drove on to the Mile High winery for a wine tasting. The next stop was La Fromage Cheesery where we enjoyed a light lunch of their prize-winning cheeses. After a leisurely run back to Old Mill Drift farm the rest of the afternoon was spent catching up with old friends and new. Some of the members popped in to the lovely town of Clarens a few kilometres away. Not what we had planned for the day, but certainly most enjoyable.

It was a pity that the venue and trail were a little disappointing, but the LROC people were fantastic about it all and I am sure everyone enjoyed the trip as I know I did.

Best wishes Mike



EVENT FEEDBACK

Sunset at Somabula

Malcolm Timberlake

It was almost to the day one year ago (10 October 2020) that we held the *Sunset with Simon* event overlooking the dams at Helderfontein. This time it was overlooking the dam at Somabula Nature Reserve, a lovely place to camp out and enjoy time away from the city, to get back out into the bush and reconnect with nature.

Most folks arrived on the Friday afternoon to set up camp. Some stayed in the chalets a short drive away from the campsites. None tried the quaint Ox wagons which are also available as accommodation. The Friday evening was a time for folks to relax at their chosen campsites — some private with own ablutions, others communal campsites with common ablution facilities, however, all facilities are of a high standard. Most gathered around communal fires to chat and catch up with each other.

Saturday morning was free time, with some heading into the town of Cullinan to sort out vehicle issues or enjoy the sights, while others went for a walk on the well-marked trail. Those who got out early were able to view the animals on the reserve. Those spotted included a family of giraffe, some eland, a family of kudu, blue wildebeest, blesbok and a herd of zebra. Some wandered to the nearby campsites to catch up with friends. Others took a drive along the trails in the reserve.

Last year we were blessed with a gap in the weather, and this year was no different. There was some heavy rain on the Thursday evening, so to have a clear day on Saturday for our open-air Cheese and Wine event was another real blessing.

Before the planned meeting time Simon, Rori-Leigh, Alida and Malcolm went to the Fish Eagle lapa to set up for the event. It was amazing to see the rustic venue transformed into a stunning harvest table display fit for a cheese and wine event. The view from the lapa, overlooking the dam and the distant hills of the reserve provided a picture-perfect backdrop for this event.

Soon all gathered at the lapa which is close enough to the campsites for most to walk there. Each group brought along their own table and chairs and set up outside the lapa. The owner of Somabula, Gerry Kock, was warmly welcomed when he popped in with his grandson in the Somabula Series II which is used on the reserve for daily maintenance work.

We then gathered inside the lapa, and with the bench and low wall seating around the large wooden table we could comfortably hear as Simon shared with us some of the very interesting stories of the history of Fairview, and its connection to the Back family (most wine drinkers know the name Backsberg), how they came to start producing goats' cheese, and the developments which have occurred since. Interesting for me was how some of the Frenchmen working at Koeberg power station had an influence in the development of cheesemaking. We also enjoyed sampling the Fairview red blend wine. It didn't take long for us to take up Simon's offer to buy a couple of bottles at a good price.

As the sun set, we lit a communal fire to add to the atmosphere. With a few clouds on the horizon, the sunset took on that beautiful red glow. Many used the opportunity of the golden hour before sunset to take some good photo shots. The choice of a campsite venue allowed us to enjoy the rest of the evening under the stars, chatting at the lapa and listening to the night sounds. We were able to hear sounds of jackal calling and a persistent Rufous-cheeked Nightjar.

On Sunday morning some left early, while others chose to use the time to enjoy the walks and drives and extend their stay before heading home. With Somabula being so close to Joburg and Pretoria, it was the perfect venue for this event.

Malcolm Timberlake



FUTURE EVENT

Front Runner Breakfast and Raffle Draw

Jacob Jordaan 6 November

Date: 6 November Start Time: 10:00

Booking Cut-off: 2 November Payment Cut-off: 2 November

Venue: Front Runner Offices in Kyalami GPS Co-ordinates: -26.0041500 and 28.0750270 Costs: R100 per ticket for the R10 000 Raffle R50 per ticket for the R5000 Raffle

Host: Jacob Jordaan

Contact: Cell: 082 808 1422

E-mail: chairperson@lroc.org.za

Online Bookings Here

Are you keen to get a free light breakfast and at the same time attend the R15 000 Front Runner product raffle draw, to kit your Landy out and to top-up your camping gear? Front Runner has generously sponsored the Club with the following two offerings:

- A Gift voucher worth R10 000.00 incl. VAT that can be used to purchase any Front Runner manufactured goods at their retail store in Kyalami.
- A Front Runner Camp Ready Kit consisting of 2 x
 Expander Chairs with Carry bags, a Front Runner
 Cutlery set, 1 x Front Runner Pro Wolf Pack and 1x
 Front Runner Outdoor Grill, all to the value of R5 000.00. incl. VAT.





Front Runner 1 Cutlery Set

Front Runner 2 Pro Wolf Pack

You stand a chance to win any one, or even both of these two Front Runner offerings by buying raffle tickets from the Club. The money raised from the raffle tickets sales will be used towards funding future Club anniversary events.



If you have bought tickets for this raffle, you are invited to book for the light breakfast and raffle draw that will be held on the Front Runner premises at Kyalami on Saturday morning 6 November at 10h00.

This breakfast and raffle draw is exclusively open to members of the Club, those that have bought raffle tickets! A raffle ticket for the R10 000 gift voucher is R100 per ticket and a raffle ticket for the R5000 Camp Ready Kit is R50 per ticket. You can buy as many raffle tickets as you want, as often as you want until close of business Tuesday 2 November 2021.

You do not have to be in attendance at the breakfast and raffle draw to win either of the raffles.

Purchasing your tickets:

You are welcome to contact the Club Administrator and she will assist you with the process to purchase and buy tickets, or to buy additional tickets if you have already bought some.



Front Runner 3 Expander Chair



Front Runner 4 Chair Bag

The Raffle Draw:

All the names on the Raffle List will go into each of the two Raffle "Hats", according to which type and quantity of raffle tickets you bought. On the 6th of November, at the Frontrunner premises and after the light breakfast, the draw will take place. If not in attendance the winner will be notified within 24 hours.

No prizes will be exchanged for cash.

GOOD LUCK!



FUTURE EVENT

Loskop Away Weekend

Attie Smit
12-14 November

Sart Date: 12 November 12:00 End Date: 14 November 16:00 Booking Cut-off: 29 October Payment Cut-off: On arrival

Venue: Seekoeigat

GPS Co-ordinates: -25.338300, 29.415600 **Costs**: 3x2 -bed bungalows- R430 /night

Camping- R350 /night/campsite (4 people)

Host: Attie Smit

Contact: Cell: 083 292 2412

E-mail: attiesmit59@gmail.com

Online Bookings **Here**

Family camping weekend and off roading.

Feedback from last year's Mountain Drive, called for another visit to the farm Diepkloof. which offers relaxed scenic mountain drives suitable for all vehicles – weather permitted.

Still don't forget your recovery gear! We depart at 08:00 on Saturday for the Mountain Drive in convoy. Pack a picnic basket for a lunch break is a good idea. We should be back in camp by 15:30 however you can return to camp at your own pace.

Alternatively you may consider to pay the nearby Loskop Nature Reserve a visit or simply stay in camp and enjoy the facilities available.

Sunday will be spent at your own leisure.

Camping fees will be collected at the venue by the owner on arrival and those for the mountain drive will be collected on departure on Saturday morning.

<u>PS:</u> The campsite is on the Western bank of the river and there is another on the Eastern so don't be misled by your GPS and thus cross the river to the other side.

FUTURE EVENT

New Members Braai Nov 2021

Michael Gundelfinger 14 November

Date: 14 November **Time**: 11:00-15:00

Booking Cut-off: 10 November **Payment Cut-off**: 10 November

Venue: Base 4

GPS Co-ordinates: -25.864869, 28.002276 **Costs**: Entrance Fee: R100 /person/day

Host: Michael Gundelfinger **Contact**: Cell: 072 631 3940

E-mail: membership@lroc.org.za

Online Bookings **Here**

An opportunity for new members and old alike to meet up for braai and catch up. All members are welcome for the last big braai under the tree for the year. Fires to be lit at 11:30 ready for a lekker lunch. Fires will be provided for by the club so please bring your eats, treats and drinks for yourselves. It'll likely be a hot one, so bring your hats, sunscreen and all the ice you can manage! Looking forward to seeing you all there!



FUTURE EVENT

End of 2021 Breakfast Run

Clive Foord 5 December

Date: 5 December **Time:** 08:30-13:00

Booking Cut-off: 3 December **Payment Cut-off**: Not applicable

Venue: The Parks Farmers Market and Pizzeria **GPS Co-ordinates**: -26.116678, 28.325332

Costs: Everyone will order and pay for their own food

and drinks.

Host: Clive Foord

Contact: Cell: 082 446 1475
Online Bookings Here

Hi everybody, let's have one last fling of 2021.

Join your favorite Land Rover Club and have a sedate drive in the countryside and end at a lovely, venue for a latish breakfast.

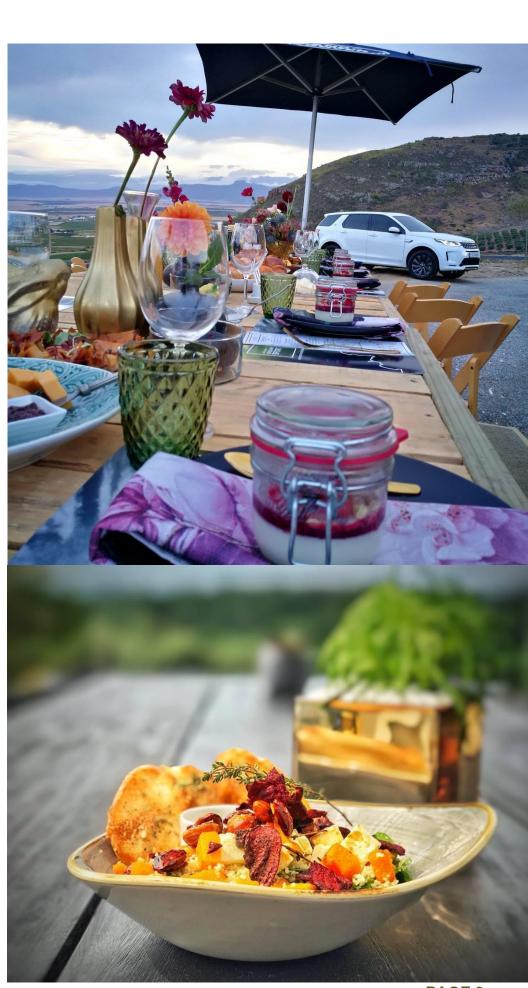
For those that want to, stay over for lunch, and listen to the live music in the afternoon.

We'll meet up at the Engen Route 21 Quick stop on Nellmapius Drive, Irene to leave at 8:30. From here, we will travel on the M31 towards the Delmas road (R50) turning right and then all the way down to the R50/R51 crossroads.

Right onto the Pretoria Road (R51). Follow this road until it changes to the M44 and then right onto Birch road (M32). Left onto Benoni road which changes to Glen Gory Road and then left onto Lauriston road. At the T junction, turn right and then keep a look out on the right for The Parks Farmers Market.

For those that want to go directly to the venue, just put The Farmers Market into Google maps and you'll find it. The Parks Farmers Market and Pizzeria is a lovely spot out in the countryside. They have a great selection of food, mostly Italian based.







PLANNING

2021 / 2022 Events Planner

BERNADETTE KRUGER

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2021			
March			
14	New members braai	Base 4	Martin Kuhlmann
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
27 Mar-6 Apr	Tembe weekend (Fully booked)	Tembe	
April			
01 - 11	Long trip (CANCELLED)		
17	Driver training Module 1: Fundamentals of off-road driving	Postponed	
18	Mountain drive	Postponed	
May			
9	New members braai (Mother's day)	Base 4	Martin Kuhlmann
22 - 23	Family weekend	Kungwini	Clive Foord
June			
12 - 13	Trial #2	Cancelled	
16	Series Run	Rietvlei Game Reserve	Attie Smit
26	Evening out	Postoned	Bernadette Kruger
July			
3	Driver training Module 3: Recovery training	Cancelled	Jakob Jordaan
4	Mountain drive	Cancelled	Jakob Jordaan
11	New members braai	Cancelled	
24	Movie night	Cancelled	Dirk Uys
August			
1	Cars in the park(Not a LROC outing)	cancelled	
09-Jun	Three Provinces	Volksrust	Mike Isley
21-22	Trial #3	Cancelled	
21 - 22	Bush Cooking	Cancelled	
September			
	Driver training Module 4: Overlanding and Environmental Awareness: Day		
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_	Driver training Module 4: Overlanding and Environmental Awareness: Day	a	
5		Cancelled	
5	Spring breakfast run	Cancelled	D 1 **
18	Evening out @JLRE	JLRE	Bernadette Kruger
23 - 26	60th Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	Cancelled	
23 - 26	Old Mill Drift weekend away	Old Mill Drift	Mike Isley
October		D . 1 ****	T 1 T T
9	Driver training Module 1: Fundamentals of off-road driving	Rust de Winter	Jakob Jordaan
10	Mountain drive	Rust de Winter	Jakob Jordaan
8 - 10	Sunset at Somabula	Somabula	Malcolm Timberlake
30-31	Christmas Weekend & Kiddies Trial	Rust de Winter	BK / CdT
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November	V 1 VV 11 A 222 1 1		
13-14	Loskop Valley Away Weekend	Loskop Valley	Attie Smit
14	New members braai	Base 4	Michael Gundel finger
20-21	Trial #4	Cancelled	
26-28	BIRDING Weekend	Cancelled	
December			
5	End of year breakfast run	TBC	Clive Foord



MEMBER ADS

Member Business advertisements

YOU MUST BE A BONA FIDE PAID UP MEMBER TO ADVERTISE IN THIS COLUMN. PLEASE SUBMIT TO DIGITAL@LROC.ORG.ZA. OUR POLICY IS TO CLEAR THE ADVERTS ON A YEARLY BASIS. IF YOU WANT YOUR ADVERT PUT IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS PLEASE RE-SUBMIT TO DIGITAL@LROC.ORG.ZA.

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If you are passionate about Land Rovers and nature you will want to do the Badshoek Experience (see; www.badshoek.co.za). We have 7 Land Rovers from Series 1 to 110 for your enjoyment

Sometimes your destination cannot be reached in a Land Rover; on these occasions contact BOARDING PASS, the professional travel consultants. Our staff will research and arrange your flights/accommodation and obtain the best possible fares. For more information contact Alan Farthing on 0825510079 or alan@ boardingpass.co.za or desiree@boardingpass.co.za Why rock and roll when you can glide??

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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