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JOIN THE JEEP CLUB - RSA

Registered Club Members of the Jeep Club RSA will receive e-mail or SMS messages reminding you of our one-day fun events, special events, etc. The membership fee for 2005 is only R50! For special events, like the weekend away, Jeep owners registered with the Jeep Club RSA will be given preference when booking for the weekend so Register Now!

During 2004 the S.A. Jeep Club were operating as a Division of the 4X4ATV Organisation but in April 2005 the Jeep Club - RSA was formed and the abstract from a previous 4X4ATV News Letter "Overview of 2004 Events" serve to give you an idea of what can be expected in future. Seeing that most of our members are also 4X4ATV members we will support their events and/or organise additional events if needed.

REGISTRATION: THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON
www.jeepclubrsa.co.za
OR CONTACT KOOS MEYER AT 082 920 7415
OR FAX YOUR DETAILS TO HIM AT (012) 663-1960 OR CONTACT US ON
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OVERVIEW OF 2004 EVENTS

How many of the social events have you attended during 2004? For the purpose of this discussion and to be able to give you an overview in the space available, we exclude the approximately ten (10) 4X4ATV Monthly Meetings, three (3) 4X4ATV Social Evenings, interim exhibitions and support to schools, churches, etc. as well as the eight (8) 4x4 Challenge Championship Events, concentrating on fun runs and fun events we participated in or represented the S.A. Jeep Club as a Division of the 4X4ATV Organisation, during the year. How many open weekends do you count!

Our new banner were seen on many occasions and published in all leading SA Off-Road Magazines, most probably also in other countries, thanks to the Chrysler and Jeep Division of Daimler Chrysler South Africa organising and our participation in the Camp Jeep 2004.

22 February 2004 – Zanandi. It was a hot clear day and we drove in convoy towards Hartebeestpoortdam, stopped at the



Monate Citrus Wine Cellar and tested their variety of wines, liqueurs and even fruit juices with a punch, moved on to Zanandi where we did an easy off-road course, then followed a mountain trail and stopped in the picnic area for the midday break. Johnny Wallace of 4x4 challenge marshal fame organised and set out the route and apart from the many new faces, the regular Jeep adventurers were keen to test their vehicles for the 2004 season ahead.

Peter and Corrie Claasen also joined in the fun and we were very pleased to see that their CJ2A is still in excellent shape. The "super" super tube convinced many to try their luck in the water and just before sunset we called it a day, one to remember and a venue to return to.



6 Maart 2004 – Sonitus Kenmekaar. Nat en koud maar die Jeepers laat hulle nie afsit nie. Gawie verduidelik die Jeepies deur die sterk vloeiende rivier en ons sit vas. Sommige besluit om 'n ompad te volg toe die donker ons begin inhaal. By die lapa sit die vrouens en kners onder die komberse maar die manne braai en kuier. Jammer vir die weer maar die kuier was weereens 'n sukses.

14 Maart 2004 – Castle Walk. Weereens speel die weer nie saam nie maar die ontbyt by Greenfields was heerlik en so ook die kuier wat volg. Almal besluit om liewers die kuier uit te rek en die nat buiteroete vir 'n later geleendheid te laat.

9 tot 12 April 2004 – Rust der Winter Potjiekos. Ou nuus maar Casper Ysel wen met 'n beesstertpot, Meisie en Charles van Vuuren kom tweede met 'n varkboudpot en Piet Pearson derde met 'n skaap-bees-varkpot. Miskien moes hy hom ook maar tot 'n agterstewe soos 'n stert of boudpot gewend het.

23 May 2004 – Odi de Wildt. This was an open event allowing the Jeepers to invite their friends with whatever 4x4 vehicle to participate in the fun. Awie set out the route and although the drivers at first thought that it was a Sunday school picnic they soon changed their minds and started concentrating on the route ahead. Some of us, no names no faces just look at the photo's, apparently didn't concentrate hard enough and had to explain to the wife. The legendary Sidey, Manie and friends also joined in the fun and obviously leaped to every chance to show the newcomers how it was done in the golden olden days, resulting in Manie's steering arm been operated on in the veld. Not following the famous crowd's advice, the rest of the participants including quite a few Cherokees and Grand Cherokees, crawled to end of the route and during the braai following agreed, this was a challenging route not damaging to the vehicles and a must for a follow-up event.



Camp Jeep 2004 28 to 30 May

The June version of the Newsletter gave you the whole story and the pictures speak for themselves. A family orientated fun event organised by the Chrysler and Jeep Division of Daimler Chrysler

South Africa, held at Mabalingwe and an event not to be missed! Mr. Trent Barcroft and Guy Franklin hosted the prize giving and amongst other prizes, a lucky draw tickets for two to Germany as well as R10,000 spending money was given away. A big thank you to Martin Kruger, the artist of our famous new banner. In case you are wondering, it was Marius Human who had time for a quick nap at the Kahari Oasis of "Ja Swaer" Castrol fame. Our thanks and congratulations to Jeep - we hope that the S.A. Jeep Club will be invited to join in the next event.



5 and 6 June 2004 – Expo. The general feeling – one of the most successful exhibitions the S.A. Jeep Club ever had. The communication with the public and the interest in the vehicles kept us on our toes the whole weekend. Thanks to the enthusiasm of the committee and the support of our members and friends the weekend flew past. Chrysler Jeep supplied the monster blow up Jeep Wrangler that was the biggest vehicle on show and drew attention especially from the kids.



11 June 2004 – Rietvlei. Hierdie was werklik nou 'n byeenkoms waar die "manne" nie kans gekry het om die Jeepies te toets nie maar nou ja, ma en die kinders het dit baie geniet en die kuier was heerlik, soos gewoonlik. Soveel wild hier op ons drumpel, renosters ingesluit en hoeveel van ons was al daar.

1 August 2004 – Cars in the Park. Die S.A Jeepklub het weer sy kant gebring en dankie aan almal wat gehelp het, voertuie verskaf het en/of 'n draaitjie by ons staanplek gemaak het.

14 August 2004 – Inter Club Fun Day. AAWDCSA, the Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs of Southern Africa organise an interclub fun day each year which gives the different clubs the opportunity to meet each other and also match their co-operation and off road skills against each other. Not taking it seriously enough and relying on the Jeeps to do the work, the S.A. Jeep Club came third with the Land Rover Owners Club and the Toyota Owners Club beating us by a small margin. As far as the social side are concerned, well I think we were one of the contestants for the first prize. Thanks to the Toyota Owners Club for hosting this years event at Diggers Hole, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. If you have seen the United's Voice, the Newsletter of the United Four Wheel Drive Association, an International Organisation, you would have seen your picture in the two-page full colour coverage, what a pleasure! The S.A. Jeep Club is alive and well and operating in South Africa!



10 to 12 September 2004 - SS Skosana. Now was this a winner or what! Most of the participants decided to ignore the "working" Friday and arrived during the day. We all gathered at the huge campfire that night and early morning we tackled and cleared up the obstacle course that was built two years ago.

Midday the last of the participants arrived and after a cup of soup we departed on the first nature drive. The scenery in this nature reserve is really spectacular and the route negotiable by any type of 4x4 vehicle. Down the riverbanks and back to the rondawels where we took a hot shower or a dip in the pool and then gathered around the bonfire. That night the local dancers performed and then we worked hard on the social side of the event until it was almost time for "lights out". Next morning Johan Smith prepared us a breakfast – must appoint him as the club's official cook. Back in the Jeepies and off on the next trail taking us over the mountains and into an area with more wildlife



to be seen than the day before. Back at the lodge some decided to depart early but others stayed until the sun set over the mountain tops – nobody really wanted to return to the city life and we promised ourselves - we will be back!

24 to 26 September 2004 – Rust der Winter. By die S.A. Jeepklub hindernis was dit 'n "geblaas"

van 'n ander soort. Sestig of sestien, teen die tyd wat die deelnemers die voertuig opgelig het, die spaarwiel rondom die voertuig gerol het, die wielblokke, domkrag en wiel weer op hul oorspronklike posisies teruggeplaas het en tussentyds nog die olie ook nagegaan het, was hulle pootuit. Dit alles nog teen tyd ook! Ons het groot pret gehad net jammer van die wind en stof deurentyds. Dankie aan almal wat so hard saamgewerk het.



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16 October 2004 – Childrens Day. The pictures tell the story! So much gratefulness and happy faces. A big thank you to all involved, working hard together to make this a memorable day for the less fortunate and be thankful that we are in the position to contribute to so much happiness. A day on the calendar not to be missed.

24 Oktober 2004 – Witpoort. The last "closed" S.A. Jeep Club event for the year – can you believe it! Sidney and friends organised this event and you

can imagine what fun we had. There was something of everything for everyone. Quite a few Cherokees as well as a Grand Cherokee joined on the route that was tough but easy enough and complimented by a trainers obstacle course to round off the day. We were lucky enough that the area received rain the night before so no dust and enough mud and water for those wanting to proof that they were in the veldt. A beautiful venue with shady trees and a perfect ending to yet another successful year. Thanks to the organisers and owners of the farm.



**If the above didn't convince you to join in the fun during 2005, I am sorry
– sell your Jeep!**

ARTICLES TO FOLLOW

In our next update of the News Letter we will tell you about the Dinokeng route as well as the Camp Jeep 2005 experience, sorry if you have missed out!

MEMBERS PARTICIPATION

Please contact us and supply us with details of your vehicle, your families and events that you have done recently. We envisage that space will be made available on the website to publish all of these. Active members will be contacted to participate in special events to be organised and/or participated in during the rest of the year.

Advertisements of Jeeps and/or Jeep related products may be published on the website to the discretion of the committee.

Links to interesting websites may be accommodated so let us know what and where.

Please contact us if you have brilliant, or even not so brilliant ideas as to how the club can serve you as club members and the general 4x4 enthusiasts out there.



HAVE A WONDERFULL DAY - ONLY IN A JEEP