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One can hardly believe that we are already in the second month of the new year – only minutes ago it seems that we were planning Christmas and New Year celebrations.!!!

I'm not sure if folk were just desperate for the getaway or the new venue was the motivation OR BOTH !! but we had an excellent turnout of 18 vans/tents. We had 2 late cancellations so would have been at 20 !!!. And I was stressing with getting the minimum of 10 vans for the discount fees!! So well done everybody. We missed some of our usual regulars but other commitments kept them away.

Scottburgh is always a lovely park and that is pretty obvious with all the upcountry pensioners camping for months at a time. With the park so full, it was a bit of a mission and impossible to try and get us all close together but I think we did quite well considering and everybody managed to socialise at times.

Sorting out the office paperwork was another mission as everybody had to be allocated their specific site numbers before the money could be paid in and the computer was happy. Anyway, all's well that ends well.

Weather was a bit windy at times (normal for Scottburgh !!) but we still swam in the sea and braaied so no real hardship.

Being so scattered the only function I arranged was a communal braai on Saturday evening which was great. Everybody did their usual thing – shopping, off to the flea market, walking etc etc .

We welcomed some new friends namely Allan and Jonda Jones – friends of Dennis and Annette. Unfortunately, another of their friends, Pierre and Cindy van Wyk had to cancel at short notice due to business commitments.

Rob Thompson brought his friends Johan and Jeanene Bezuidenhout and Derek and Carol had her sister Shirley and Greg join them.

Old Freewheelers stalwart Barbara Tedder camped with her friend Alana. It was lovely to see her after all this time.

Alex Steyn also managed to convince his wife, Lourine, to join him with their granddaughter, Liliana, and it was great to see them.as well.

Clint and Stacey Cameron, Billy and Charmaine's son and daughter in law joined us as well. We haven't seen them for many months so was great to have them camping with us again.



Stacey is expecting her first child in March - a first grandchild for Billy and Charmaine.
All the best to you Stacey with the birth!!
Why not come the next getaway? – we've never had a birth at a getaway yet!!

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Congratulations to Nico and Bonnie, the proud parents and son of Roy and Tracey Ramsaroop on the birth of a granddaughter last month. Another grandchild for Tracey to fuss over! This time a girl.

To continue with all the good stuff

Bon Voyage



Bruno & Kathy Zattara, Rob & Lyn Smith Thompson and Billy & Charmaine Cameron are off on a jollie on the Sinfonia early in March. Have a wonderful time and make sure you eat yourselves lekker dik!!!.
Don't get sea sick !!

The Next Getaway – Killarney 4X4 .

The next getaway will be over the long weekend of 17th to 21st March. Tuesday the 21st is a public holiday for those who can make it a long weekend.

This will be a brand-new, to us, venue, namely the Killarney 4x4 venue at Shongweni. A central location that will , for a change , reduce the PMB members travelling distances as well as the Durban and Hillcrest etc guys.

There is a lovely level grassed campsite with power (bring long extensions), a big lapa , swimming pool etc etc . While it hosts 4x4 trails and events, nobody is required to do anything. Those with 4x4's are welcome to try out their vehicles.
Hillcrest town is only about 15 mins away.

From the tar, there is about 2.8 kms of good dirt – it's a Transnet service road. I'm assured it's no worse than to Tugela Mouth (and shorter) but it is a little narrow. It will be fine for caravans – just take it slowly.

As it has a large fire pit and lapa, I thought a communal potjie event would be good. Not so much a competition but rather everybody makes their own speciality potjie and we can all then have a taste of each other's creation.?? There could always be a vote later!
The club can make a BIG pot of rice for everybody.

Cost is R80 pppn with a once off R80 per vehicle entry fee. I still need to find out (if any) kid's costs.

Please go on line and google the venue – Killarney 4x4 .

12 sites have been booked so, as always, early intentions would be appreciated so I can book extra sites as necessary. Please note that this is quite a popular venue – they didn't even want to let us do a block booking - so we need to move quickly if we need any extra sites.

I'll send out detailed directions closer to the time.

FOR SALE

1 stainless steel cob (hardly used) with cooking thermometer & recipe book R700

Contact: Lyn Coetzer 0733400941

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1x rally awning to fit the length of a Sprite Swing (6m). New price R2300,00. Poles and ropes included.
1x Travel blanket to fit the front of a Sprite Caravan. Has a zip opening to allow access to cubbyhole while blanket is in position. New price R1400.00.
Sale price negotiable, what offers?

Contact Barbara Tedder: 082 869 8049

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There is a larger gap between getaways this time to take advantage of the long weekend and before the Easter school holidays, so I'm hoping we have another bumper attendance at Killarney.

We still need a nice big dam to go camping – please keep your ears to the ground. Surely somebody knows of a friendly farmer or similar?

See you all at Killarney !

Cheers

Larry

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QUICK GLANCE GUIDE TO FREEWHEELERS GETAWAYS

HUB	WHERE	DATE
DURBAN	Killarney 4x4 Shongweni	18th – 21st March 2017 Cost: R 80 pppn ,
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Until Next Time ……Keep on Freewheeling!!!

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