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Greetings everybody. It's good to be back home and we're itching to camp soon.
(Sorry for the newsletter delay but my internet package terminated last Friday)

By all reports the Rivervalley getaway was well supported and great fun – respite the weather.
Although maybe the weather actually was a great incentive for members to get together.'

Many thanks to Lyn / Kathy and Bruno for the excellent getaway report and pics.
(I think they need to do it all the time as it's a much better and more detailed report than I send out)

Weekend at River Valley

A very neat and tidy well-run park! The gardens are in great shape as they have had a lot of rain this year, the ablution neat and clean and well maintained throughout the weekend. A very nice well stocked Pub and some great simple Pub food as well. Mike the manager certainly did all he could to make everyone welcome, Willy manned the Bar and Wade sorted all the food needs, a good job done by all of them.

Thursday – 7 vans arrived and set up. Bruno, Rob/ Lynn, Johnny/ Anne, Cobus, Des/Sue, Mike/Jeannine and visitors Janice/ Dennis and Derek and Carol – stayed with Mike. Rained on and off and most landed up in pub for a few drinks and enjoyed pub supper (burgers, jaffels, toasted sandwich chips etc) pub had a beer special buy 3 and get 4th free. A couple guys utilised this deal pretty well. Had a roaring fire going. Glenn and Stella joined Derek and Carol and was good to see them looking very well.

Friday – early was very warm and pleasant. Rest of campers started to arrive. Rain came down very hard from about 4pm so some campers had to erect vans and tents in the rain. The pub was well utilised again for drinks and supper and another roaring fire.

Saturday – again was very pleasant early, although changed to cool did not rain. Campers spent day shopping- going to beach, going out for breakfast. The pub also did a special breakfast for those wanting – at R30.00 it was a good deal. At about 3pm we gathered in the pub for the quiz. It was a slow start but eventually had a nice group wanting to participate. The quiz was a lot of fun and all enjoyed the rivalry and sharing answers and plenty discussions around questions and answers.

We were all still busy when Rugby started but completed it and was marked by Mike. Once rugby was finished we all enjoyed a Bring and Braai down under the Lapa next to the pool. Thanks to all for supplying salads and bread.

The esteemed prize winners from the Quiz were
1st Johnny and Gay
2nd Frans and Lynn
3rd Nichole and Mathew
4 Rob and Lynn

Sunday dawned with beautiful sunshine (my dry awnings reputation is still intact – Ed) – most people left reasonable early – all seemed to have plans for later in day. Janice and Dennis ended up staying until Thursday.
Visitors were Rob friends Janice and Dennis – Des/Sue/Mike /Jeannine friends Dennis and Annette – Johnny and Anne friends Gavin and Annaline – Buddy and Chrissy (friends of Derek and Carol)

A survey was handed to all campers to get suggestions of their best campsites / different sites – a super response from all – list compiled and handed to Larry. (We'll look at this later- Ed)









Exams

I suspect that most of our young people are already either half way through their exams or are done. Every success to those still writing and I hope all is good for those who have finished.

The Truats

Both Robert and Heidi are up for special mentions, but for different reasons.
Robert officially retires at the end of Nov – welcome to the lazy alcoholics' club
Heidi is having some surgery also around the end of the month – all the best and we look forward to having you on your feet soon.

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Year end Getaway - Karridene – 01-03 Dec 2017.

I have again booked the central section of the park, as usual. I've reconfirmed our booking this week, so all is good. I did the booking 2 months ago so was a bit concerned that maybe things would get lost.

Site numbers are : 14-15-16-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-45-46-48-49

As always please park on the outskirts of the central area to leave the central area open , as usual.

To business:

The theme is: **MEXICAN.**





We can get Mexican sombreros for R35 but if we have enough orders, this could go down to R30.
Kathy will be organising this. – please order via the WhatsApp group.
(And don't leave it too late as she will have to run around for us)

Otherwise use your imagination and get into the fun of the evening. – think about sombreros / ponchos/ white peasant garb etc etc and feel free to stock up on Tequila!!!! (I believe Cactus Jack is lekker)

If anyone has any suitable décor, please bring it.

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On the Saturday evening, the club will sponsor Mexican style starters etc and we will hold our usual communal braai : As always – Will our wonderful ladies pleeease bring salads to share.

If any ladies can assist with the starters / food / snacks / ideas, please come forward.

Gay and Sarie will be organizing the pudding.

Guys – I'll need all your gazebos again and Christmas lights & decorations etc etc to make it all lekker and festive.

As always – give me your intentions as soon as you can (thanks to those who already have) and I'm sure that quite a few will arrive early so, again, please let me know so I can give the names to the park.

Let's look forward to an exciting last getaway for 2017.

SECRET SANTA





By popular demand the **Secret Santa** will again be part of the fun.
Please bring gifts to the value of R50 and clearly marked male or female.
Each male brings a male pressie and female – female—you know how it works.
This is totally voluntary, so, anyone not wishing to partake, then please do not take a gift.

2018 SUBS

Will everybody at Karridene please pay Sarie their 2018 subs .

STILL ONLY R 50 and NO you can't pay it off!!!!. 

Looking forward to seeing you all at Karridene . Until then keep on wheeling !!

Cheers

Larry

QUICK GLANCE GUIDE TO FREEWHEELERS GETAWAYS

HUB	WHERE	DATE
Durban	Karridene Christmas	01 – 03 Dec 2017 Cost : forget to ask ! but it was only about R85 pn pensioner couple and R110 pn non pensioners.
Durban	Ifafa / Bazley ?? (Decide at Karridene)	26 – 28 Jan 2018 ?? Cost : TBA

Until Next Time ……Keep on Freewheeling!!!

LARRY

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