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Winter has certainly arrived with a vengeance and it's even getting quite cool in Durban. Hopefully with the cold will come the sardines – a few small schools beached at Scottburgh and Park Rynie – let's hope the huge shoals will still arrive. It's been a few years since we last experienced this amazing sight.

I hope everybody had a great long weekend and travelled safe.

Ilanga

The getaway at Ilanga over the May 16/17 weekend was the usual Pitstop specials on Friday night – this is becoming an institution!
Despite some predicted weather, the weekend turned out to be very pleasant with some folks taking long walks on the beach, flying kites, shopping, or as usual, just chilling.
Saturday evening was a large affair with some of Roy and Tracey's family also joining us and continued to a communal breakfast.
We had Clive and Joyce spend the weekend after a long break and it was great to see them again.
The management of this park seems a bit strange with them losing my booking, causing a bit of stress when Roy arrived a day early. When Johnny and Anne arrived at the gate with caravan in tow and rang the bell, a head popped out the office demanding what they wanted?? Maybe better – no comment!

Hibberdene

Due to very poor interest in "The Beehive" at Greytown, the getaway over the past long weekend was moved to Hibberdene. It has been about 10 odd years since I'd camped at this park and what a pleasant surprise it turned out to be.
Lush camp sites, lots of trees and in summer, some streams and ponds that have been created. (Dry now in winter) and even some tame geese and bantams running around.
There's a pool, putt putt, kiddies play ground and a tennis court.

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There are quite a number of permanent residents in chalets / wooden houses, parkhomes etc but a nice up market set up.

The beach and supermarket and shops are all within walking distance.

Billy and Charmaine's daughter, Carmen, and partner, Calvin, joined us for the weekend and Ronald and Debbie arrived unexpectedly on Sat morning. Rob and Lyn arrived on Sunday (family obligations) with daughter Janine and hubby Mel in tow. They hired a chalet for the two nights and at a very good price. So we had a reasonable turnout after all.

The abluties are neat and tidy, management very friendly and accommodating and generally a lovely park with very good security. On every second Sunday all the park residents hold a communal bring and share lunchtime braai and we were cordially invited to join them. After a late breakfast, we only arrived at the braai in the later afternoon and were still made welcome.

As a comment, all the residents in the park greeted us and chatted to us in a very friendly manner. Billy hooked up with one of the residents and was invited to go deep sea fishing on two days. He caught a few nice ones.

Friday night we all made the pilgrimage to Pitstop – about 20 kms away – looks like nothing will keep us away!

On Saturday , Roy and Tracy made curry with everybody else doing the sambles, rotis, salads etc.

Sunday was just a chill out with the communal braai as mentioned. On Monday we day tripped down to Port Shepstone where we discovered the "water front" on the river – two restaurants , a few small shops , some interesting historic machinery etc and where we had huge fish and chips.
It's always nice to see new places.



General view of the sites



Sunday braai with residents (braai to left)

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Our Sunday braai



What a handsome bunch!

Generally the site/chalet fees are very reasonable and a good all round weekend was had by all – everybody only had good comments on the park.

We'll certainly be back – maybe a good venue for Christmas?

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The school holidays are soon on us so maybe our next getaway could be after them on the 24-26 July? What say you all and how about a close one at Karridene?

With Tugela Mouth now a bit dodgy (going on November's experience) we need to find another North Coast park – any ideas? Maybe need to check on Tugela again?

Three of us are heading to Swaziland for a week in early August and some others are heading to the flowers in Sept / Oct so the Freewheelers are on the road again!

Cheers
Hope to see you soon.

Larry

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Just a quick update on Phil and Debbie Holtzhausen in USA .

I receive many emails from them both and it looks like things are really going well for them over there. Their son is really successful on the jet ski racing scene and they are busy testing a new machine.
I hear they may be coming back shortly for a visit so we'll look forward to seeing them again!

General news

Cobus Grobbelaar and Chris Downs have had some medical work done so hopefully they're soon back to full health .

Steve and Marylyn had to replace their caravan roof due to wood rot so hopefully they'll also be on the road again soon.

Wanted

Barbara Tedder is really enjoying her tenting with us and is now looking to buy
a portable fridge – thermo / electric (220v/12v)
Can anyone help? - Please let me know.

QUICK GLANCE GUIDE TO FREEWHEELERS GETAWAYS

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DURBAN/ZULULAND	Karridene	24- 26TH July 2015 Cost TBA
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Until Next Time ……Keep on Freewheeling!!!

LARRY

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