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Chairman's Report

By Rory Jarrett



Greetings All

Well Christmas is just around the corner and the 2011 is almost history. We look back over this year and remember the good times we have shared as Highway Region. It is heart warming and a privilege to be part of a group of people for whom nothing is a problem. Help is readily given to any member of our Highway 'family' who is in need.

Thanks to Sieggy and his team of helpers who will have just finished their 14th collection of Tow a Ton of Toys. As usual, Highway residents have rallied to the cause by supplying many toys which will help to make some child's eyes light up during the Christmas season of goodwill.

The powers that be have been hard at work over the past months on our yearly publication, 'The Homestead' This edition promises to be the best ever as members have been assigned to make sure all is in order and that it is newsworthy and interesting. The Homestead is only posted to paid up members and we at Highway hope that our envelopes will be full this year.

Our Christmas rally at Queensburgh Caravan Park was a ball. We had good company, excellent food and a magic setting ensuring that this rally would be remembered for a long time. Please see the photographs on our website. www.natalhighway.co.za

Talking about our website, please don't be shy to bring me your photos as sometimes I forget to take mine and then we don't have any at all. I see all the cameras flashing but none for the web.

By the way, does anyone ever visit the website, no comments good or bad are ever mentioned so I wondered if all the effort is worth it. Please remember that this site is for you – Highway members, to visit, read articles and check our photos.

To those who are fortunate to be travelling away during the festive season please travel safely and we look forward to seeing everyone at our first rally at Salt Rock. If you are staying at home and do not have an opportunity to get away – your time will come later.

On behalf of Natal Highway's committee we wish all CCSA members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to seeing all at Caravan Cove!

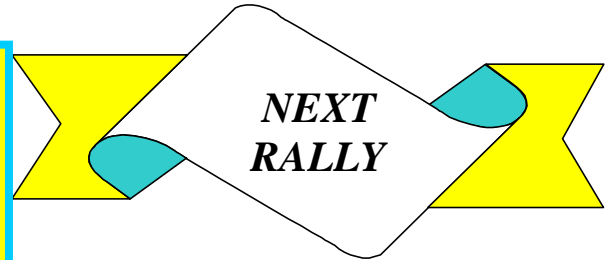
Rory

RALLY DATES AND VENUES
FOR 2012

we will be having fun at

January	27/29 Nat	Salt Rock
February	17/19 Reg	Rocky Bay
March	16/18 Nat	Scottburgh
April	13/15 Reg	Torwoodlea
April	27/ 1May RSA	Koppisol
May	18/20 Nat	Caravan Cove
June	08/10 Reg	Ifafa
July	20/22 Nat	Bazley
August	10/12 Reg	Bushwillow
September	07/09 Nat PC	Karridene
October	12/14 Reg	Villa Spa
November	09/11 Nat	Queensburgh
December	01/02 Reg	Goldmine

come and join us



SALT ROCK

27 to 29 January 2012

GPS S29 30 13
E31 13 22

Let this be the first of many fun filled rallies for the new year 2012.

Cost:

Rally Fee - R20-00/van/ weekend
Park Fee - 2 people, 2 nights R340.00
extra persons R45.00 per night 6 years and older.

NOTIFICATION:

please please please please please

Please notify Elinor on 7015848

TWO WEEKS before the rally if

a) You are on the permanent list and are unable to attend the rally,

and

b) You are not on the permanent list and you wish to attend and receive your disc at the rally.

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Further information on, and directions to, this park can be found on our Regional website www.natalhighway.co.za

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2011/12

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RALLY REPORT

QUEENSBURGH

By Esmé Jarrett

Hi everyone

Christmas at Queensburgh

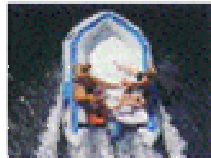
Well, another Christmas Rally celebrated at a lovely park. So close to home and yet one feels 'in the Berg', surrounded by the beauty of the mountain, and the river, with the water gently rushing over the rocks on its way down to Durbs. We were blessed in more ways than one this weekend. Clinton and Annora, inspired most of us with their Father Christmas and Christmas tree lights. Their mistletoe, which Clinton tied to a pole in their tent, was thoroughly enjoyed by him, as he got the chance of sneaking up on some unsuspecting ladies, who, unbeknown to them, were standing under his mistletoe, and hence, the free kisses. Their van looked so festive, that Dave and Jackie went off shopping on Saturday morning, to buy extra Christmas decorations, for those who wanted, to decorate their vans. By Saturday night, with eighteen vans lit up, the park looked like 'The festival of lights'. On Saturday, some members got down to play some serious boules matches, with the ladies giving their counterparts a run for their money! In the afternoon, we gathered together, once our children were all dressed up in their fancy dress costumes, and did they look good!, and then, off we all went to the hall, to enjoy a few games before Father Christmas arrived. All the children coloured in a picture for Father Christmas, earlier in the day, which they posted off to him, blind folded. Then, they all did so well, at matching up the smartie colours to the colours in their egg boxes. The next game we played seemed more stressful for some parents, than the kids, but the little ones excelled, catching most of the balls their parents threw at them, into their cups. Father Christmas arrived, rather flustered and hot, with many ho, ho, ho's, accompanied by Zak his reindeer, who, was really not quite sure what all the fuss was about. Needless to say, he was extremely patient, while Father Christmas chatted to each child and gave them their gifts. The rest of the afternoon was enjoyed with the children playing with their new gifts, and the adults, eating all the ice cream cones!!!! On arrival at the hall for Christmas Dinner, we were treated to a slide show of many of our members, enjoying some of the rallies we have attended over the last year. Lots of fun with lots of happy precious memories. Did I not say, we are blessed in more ways than one! Our Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all, and then, did we party!! As usual, Sunday arrived far too quickly. We had a very busy Friendlies, and all got a little something off the prize table, ok, it wasn't exactly what we wanted, diamond rings, new car, whatever, but Father Christmas is also taking strain with the economic situation at the moment. Lots of fines were issued, whether you did something right or not, ending off the weekend on a jolly note.

Next rally at Caravan Cove, we are off around the world. It is a bring and share, a plate of eats, representing your country, something on your table representing your country, your flag for your van, bought or made, and some traditional dress as well. Looking forward to seeing you all next week end.

Until then, take care,

Esmé

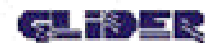




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**FORTHCOMING
ATTRACTION**



ROCKY BAY

17 to 19 February 2012

GPS Co-ordinates not available.

Highway has not rallied at this park for a few years.

Come and enjoy with your caravanning friends.

QUEENSBURGH

AWARDS

STIRRER SPOON: Esmé Jarrett - for stirring non-stop the whole weekend

WHAT-A-CLASSIC-WALLY: Jason – he put up his rally awning but not his steadies.

JA-WELL-NO-FINE

The following were some of the many well-deserved fines levied by fines person Clinton Clark:

Siegyy Hänel – for leaving his table and chairs in the boma on Friday night in the hope that they would return by lost and found and also for swallowing his tooth and not looking for it;

Clinton Clark – for putting his caravan lights out at 24h10 to get rid of his visitors;

Esmé Jarrett – for dressing up a dog as Santa's reindeer;

Tim Owen – for holding a grudge against Zak (the dog) for stealing his wows and also for telling Annora Clark there was a lovely chocolate sauce to put on her pudding meanwhile it was gravy from the main course;

Jan Störm – for taking advantage of Joy (a vegetarian) not being there and having only meat for supper.

DONATION OF RAFFLE PRIZES

A big thank you for donating raffle prizes to all who attended the rally as everyone gave something true to the season of giving.

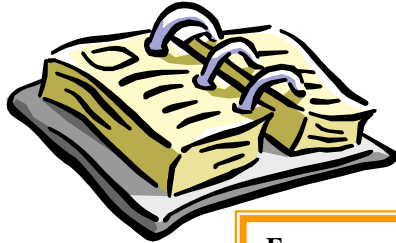
THE DCAA 2012 ADVENTURE TOUR

Members of the Derek Clark Awards Association are getting ready for, and excited about, their next tour. 16 caravans, led by experienced tour leaders Brian and Merle Jefferies, leave Hlalanathi on 3 March to visit Aldam Estate, Red Sands at Kuruman, Kgalagadi, Oranje Rus near Upington, Augrabies Falls, Kimberley, Tuff Top Estate in Bloemfontein, The Trading Post in Lesotho and Shumba Valley at Fouriesburg before returning home on 25 March.

Four lucky Natal Highway members will be part of the touring party namely Siegyy & Margaret Hänel, Michael & Annie Izzard, Rudy & Bobby Jordaan and Rex & Jean Parsons.

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ELINOR'S NOTES DECEMBER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 02 Jill Courtis
- 06 Matthys van Niekerk
- 11 Dawn van Niekerk
- 19 Philip Retief
- 23 Dean Neilan
- 27 Kelsey Capper
- 30 Alan Etchells

For your birthday. Best wishes, for the year ahead. good things, for always. All the luck and cheer and happiness life brings! Happy Birthday!

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Brian & Jill Courtis
- 26 Clinton & Annora Clark

Regards
Elinor.

The years have passed and you are still sharing your dreams, because you know that the promise of love is forever. Wishing you years of continued happiness. Happy Anniversary.

OF THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

THE SICK, THE LAME AND THE.....

No reports of any unwell Highway members were received. In the event that there may be someone who is not too well we wish you a speedy recovery.

It has been reported that former Highway member **Rob Van Wyk** is again not well at all and our thoughts go out to him.

Unfortunately it is necessary to remind ourselves that thieves and muggers are more active at this time of the year before the festive season. **Take care out there** and avoid becoming a victim.

Jan & Denise Groen returned home to find that their house had been ferociously robbed and wilfully damaged.

RALLY PHOTOGRAPHS Please bring your cameras to rallies, take photographs and let Rory have them for the website.

RALLY DATES AND VENUES See the schedule for Regions in Natal on the Highway Region website:
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SEASONS GREETINGS

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TOW-A-TON-OF-TOYS **2011**

KLOOF VILLAGE MALL

DECEMBER 2011

Thank you to all who contributed to providing a little joy for the less fortunate.

It is Christmas time – the time for giving.

Siegyy & Margaret Hänel and a group of Highway volunteers were available at a caravan parked in the Kloof Village Mall from
Wednesday 2 November to Friday 2 December
to receive donations of

TOYS - CLOTHES – BEDDING

which were distributed to the needy in our area.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

For further information and/or offers of help please contact
Siegyy or Margaret on
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