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## Chairman's Report

By Rory Jarrett



### Greetings All

The DCA tour is almost due with a few members of Highway Region attending.

Rally South Africa will be held in April with a fair sized tour leaving from Natal. I believe that there are two vans from Highway and +- 12 from Midlands Region

Members have stated that the latest edition of the 'Homestead' has improved dramatically over the past editions and that the content is more meaningful. This bodes well for future editions and we look forward to receiving the next one.

Well, 2012 has arrived and we have had a very successful rally at Salt Rock with 19 vans attending. Rocky Bay is also looking good as we are expecting once again, another 19 vans. Well done Highway!

National Convention will be held on the 10th March this year. As usual your Committee will be attending this important meeting.

Thanks to all those members who 'volunteered' for marshal duty this year. We need to have new ideas and at the same time it is not fair for the same people to always be on duty. These people would also like to have a break as well.

To those who have not submitted their names for the permanent list - you need to phone Elinor at least two weeks before a rally to avoid the embarrassment of arriving at a park and not having a site available for you. If we are unable to make the minimum number of vans for the rally, we could end up paying R600 compared to R350 for the weekend. These figures are based on the fees charged at our last rally.

Last week I sent out a questionnaire regarding insurance and membership benefits. I must say that I am disappointed with the results. Only one member has taken the time to complete this form. Guys, the CCSA is trying to do things for us and if we can't give them feedback, they will be unable to help you. Please Highway members, complete the form - I don't want to have to hide my face at convention next month.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Rocky Bay this weekend.

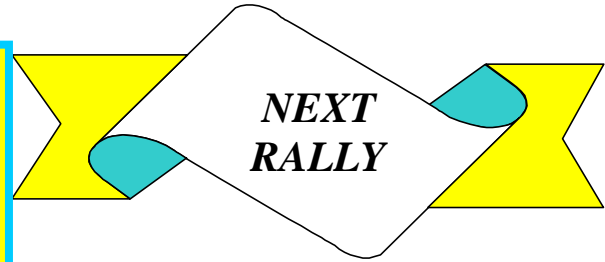
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RALLY DATES AND VENUES  
FOR 2012

*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*



**SCOTTBURGH**

**16 to 18 March 2012**

GPS Co-ordinates not available.

**Cost:**

Rally Fee - R20-00/van/ weekend  
Park Fee – R260-00/weekend/2 people.  
R40-00/night/extra person

**NOTIFICATION:**

*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](http://www.natalhighway.co.za)**

*committee*

**2011/12**

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## ***RALLY REPORT***

### ***SALT ROCK***

**By Esmé Jarrett**

Hi everyone

### **SALT ROCK RALLY**

With Salt Rock Caravan Park being a favourite, a few members took advantage of the lovely sunny weather and made a very long weekend of it by arriving on the Thursday. By the time we arrived on the Friday afternoon, there were many bright red faces around, and this time, it certainly was not from the after effect of a few wines!! Once Friendlies was done and dusted, it was time to celebrate Annie's milestone birthday! We all tucked into the lovely snacks Annie had so carefully prepared.

Deon and Melanie van Heerden travelled all the way from Gauteng to spend the weekend, not only at their favourite park, but with their favourite Caravanners! Lovely to see you guys again.

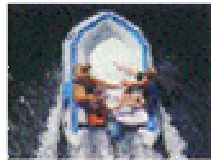
Annie and Mike were our marshals for the weekend, they ordered a 'lie in' and 'relax' weekend and that is just what everyone did. Relaxed, swam, sun tanned, relaxed, another perfect day in paradise. Nice to see Graham, Alex and kids again, thanks for the visit guys! Once again, we were spoilt rotten on Saturday afternoon, this time it was orange juice and champagne, and birthday cake, nogal! To top off the day, we enjoyed bring and share braai, and once again, treated to another one of Annie's speciality, homemade apple pie, served with vanilla ice cream! This milestone birthday, is certainly one hell of an achievement Annie! Thank you Annie, for all your hard work, we all, thoroughly enjoyed your tasty wares! Sunday was another gorgeous day, which was spent in the sun and sea, until it was time to pack up and head home.

Next rally will be at Rocky Bay. Committee will be performing marshal duties for the weekend. Braai fires will be lit on Saturday evening for anyone who wishes to braai.

Until then, stay safe.

*Esmé*





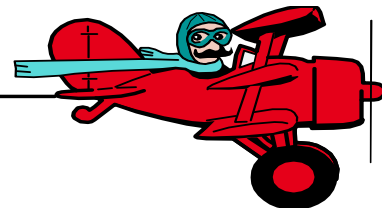
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**FORTHCOMING  
ATTRACTION**



## TORWOODLEA

13 to 15 APRIL 2012

The last few rallies have been at coastal resorts.

Time to head inland.

What better place than Torwoodlea.

See you there.

## SALT ROCK AWARDS

**STIRRER SPOON:** Jan Störm - He did not stop whole weekend

**WHAT-A-CLASSIC-WALLY:** Clinton Clark – for pulling instead of pushing Rory's caravan.

**FREE WEEKEND** – Rory & Esmé Jarrett

### *JA-WELL-NO-FINE*

The following were some of the many well-deserved fines levied by fines person Margaret Hänel:

Jan Störm – after many years of rally experience even qualifying him to be a DCAA member yet he does not remember which side his caravan door is;

Tim Owen – for locking the caravan and going walk about – Dawn in the meantime is locked out in the scorching heat;

Esmé Jarrett – she could not remember at which caravan park Highway celebrated Christmas saying that it was Corians;

Jan Störm – for showing off his dancing skills on Saturday night and also for falsely blaming Phyl Herselman for pinching his toast when he had left it in the fridge;

Rudy Jordaan – after Bobby bumped her head he was heard to say " don't worry there is nothing in there".

### *DONATION OF RAFFLE PRIZES*

A big thank you for donating raffle prizes to Ron & Norma Boyd, Dave & Morag Capper, Clinton & Annora Clark, Sieggy & Margaret Hänel, Mike & Annie Izzard, Len & Elinor Jackson, Rory & Esmé Jarrett, Peter & Sylvia O'Toole, Greg & Jas Pascoe, Jan & Joy Störm and Tony & Rose Trott.

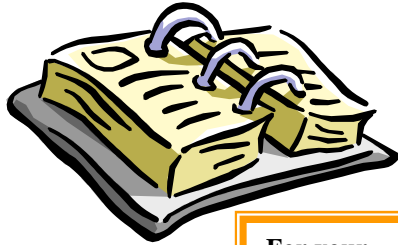
## **THE DCAA 2012 ADVENTURE TOUR**

The members of the Derek Clark Awards Association who are leaving on 3 March on a tour of 16 caravans are wished

### **Bon Voyage**

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

**ELINOR'S NOTES FEBRUARY**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 01 Esmé Jarrett
- 06 Norma Boyd
- 06 Jason Lester
- 10 Samantha Parsons
- 11 Rex Parsons
- 11 Sean Knight
- 12 Margaret Hänel
- 15 Denise Groen
- 16 Richard Lester
- 19 Johan Pienaar
- 24 Helen-Ruby Jordaan

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**

- 05 Graham & Alexl  
Richmond

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.....**

**Dave Capper** would not listen to his good wife's repeated warnings at the Salt Rock rally to stay out of the scorching sun or wear protection and guess what, soon after the rally he suffered from sunstroke. Hope you have recovered Dave. – and remember – listen to the boss.

There have been no other reports of any accidents or illnesses involving Highway members. Should you or yours not be feeling well and we just don't know about it we wish you a speedy recovery.

**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:  
[www.natalhighway.co.za](http://www.natalhighway.co.za)

**REDICULOUS THINGS THANKLESS TENANTS COMPLAIN ABOUT**

This is to let you know that our lavatory seat is broke and we can't get SABC 2.  
Our lavatory has broken in half and is now in three pieces.  
Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.  
The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.  
50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy.  
I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.

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## The Green Thing

( With acknowledgments to Les Green – Penny Pinchers)

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right—our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts—wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house—not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the county of Yorkshire. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal and didn't expect that to be bucked by flying it thousands of air miles around the world. We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrap and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

From an old person who does not need a lesson in conservation from a smart-ass young person.

Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

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