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Chairman's Chatter.

And so another enjoyable caravanning year comes to an end. The Christmas rally at Marlon was well attended. We had ten County members and one Midlands member. The food was fantastic and the camaraderie too. Frank & Dot Ellison walked away with all the prizes, having the best displayed caravan, and together with Martin & Susan the best table. Well done.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, Those that are travelling during the festive season, please stay safe and I wish a speedy recovery to all who are in poor health.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

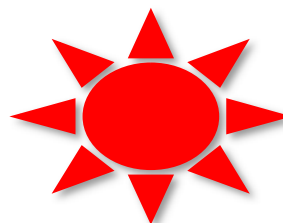
Until we meet again stay safe.

Neil.

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Rally fixtures for 2024 is attached to e-mail



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END OF YEAR RALLY—MARLON DECEMBER 2023

The rally started with a very relaxed Friday, setting up camp after some of us already came on the Wednesday. I believe they already had performed the normal activity—having a braai.

On Friday night we were blessed with the as usual treats from the Shack.

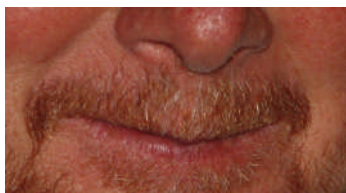
The last to arrive on Saturday was Sheila and Bill Pellew. They were just in time to celebrate with Neil and Glenda Booker their 168th regional rally. Jeannette Schaper baked a very nice chocolate cake for this so important event. Well done Neil and Glenda. You did well and many more regional rallies for you two.



The scribe, me, took photos of some the attendees faces at the dinner at the Shack. This was because one person has the habit of pulling his/ her lips whilst talking. Another person put a lemon skin where his/ her teeth are. It was cropped and posted here. It is now your chance to tell us which mouth belongs to whom..... The photographs will be numbered and you or the couples can tell us which number mouth belongs to which partner.



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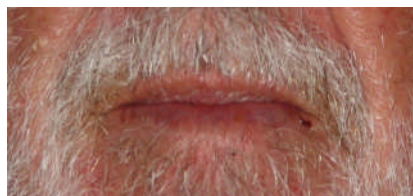
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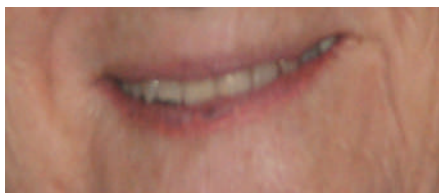
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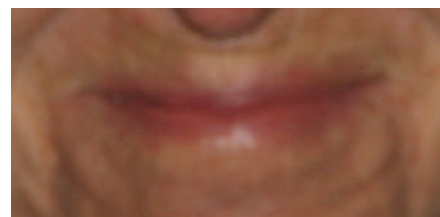
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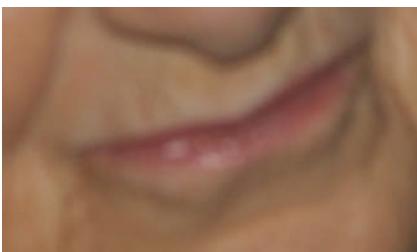
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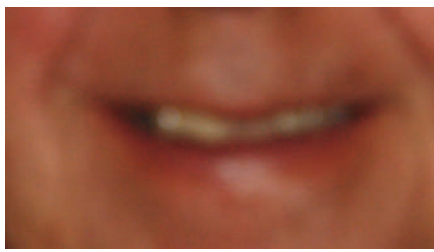
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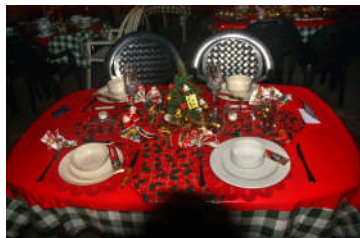
It would be interesting to see what people have said. You can WhatsApp the results to me individually upon which I can look and interpret the results.

P.T.O. for continuation of report

Saturday is also reserved for the end of year function. Chris and Heather from Marlin were asked to prepare the food for the event. This indeed created a picture for something nice to expect. Needless to say, the taste of the food was immaculate Well done Chris and Heather.



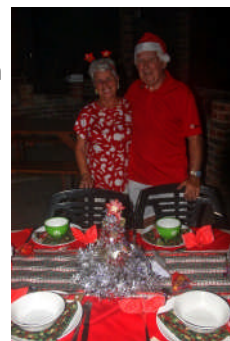
There also was a competition on the best table settings when the function started. The pictures to follow is indicative of the work that went into it.



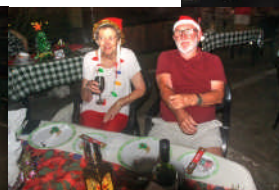
We arrived at the dinner in drips and drabs, standing around, chatting here and then there, enjoying the efforts being made ... maybe wondering what the meal would taste like.... Maybe thinking about past end of year functions, the tastiness of the food and cementing friendships amongst each other.



Some of us were there on time whilst others tried to lately sneak in without being noticed. However, the intention being to enjoy each others company.



Before the food was dished up, Rose Walker, the owner of Marlon Holiday Resort, requested to say a few words. It was enjoyable to hear the special place Alfred County has for her and the resort. She gave a short history of Alfred County's interactions with her and her family. It is however important that these feelings from both sides be cherished, look after ... and maintained by positive interactions amongst each other and them. This requires from us behaviour that is at all times without reproach.



Sunday morning was the time for friendlies. Ann Foxcroft officiated a very appropriated Scripture reading and prayer item. Thereafter Norma Boyd arose as the fines master ... no one was spared from her watchful eyes.

During the past Caravan Club Convention, some of our members were awarded for achievements work hard for over a long period of time. We salute all of you for your diligence and commitment to the Club.



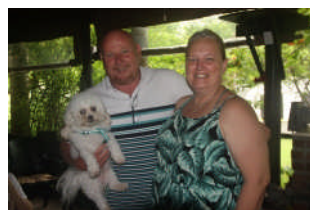
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Neil and Glenda—168 regional rallies.



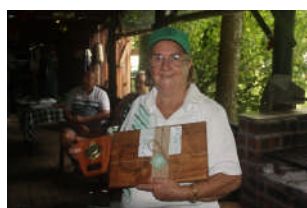
20 years on commit-



Chris and Heather Walker receive their marshal bars



Frank and Dot Ellison received the prize for best table and caravan decorations.



Glenda Booker—30 years on Committee



The Cockerells won the lucky draw.



Susan du Plessis her second wooden spoon.

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Branch Code : 250062**Account No. : 63003321287****Use your surname as reference.****NB. If paying EFT R20.00 Rally fees + park fees.****BIRTHDAYS***15 Dec. Sue Olivier**22 Dec Dawn Louw**27 Dec An Foxcroft***ANNIVERSARIES***2 Dec. Chris and Heather Walker**11 Dec Johan and Breggie von Backström**13 Dec Andrew and Ann Foxcroft***IN OUR THOUGHTS****Louis Manté****Heather Edwards****Rosemary Haage****Rose King****And all those that have some kind of ailment.****Caravanning with County is
LEKKA****FROM THE PEN OF THE CHIEF RALLY MARSHAL**

Hi there everyone,

Can't believe Christmas is around the corner and so is 2024, scary hey. Let's hope next year brings you all you wish for, health, wealth, and happiness, especially those battling with health problems.

Our Christmas rally was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by all, Johan will give a lot more information about this most enjoyable weekend.

Our next rally is at T O STRAND 26-28 January 2024 (7day special R955,00) Monday to Sunday or R303.00 per site per day. Please let Glenda know of your intentions by 15th January as she must make arrangements and book sites. We unfortunately don't have marshals for the weekend yet so if you feel like stepping up to the plate, please contact me or Glenda, it would be greatly appreciated.

All that's left from me is to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a bright (excuse the pun) new year. Hope to see you all at T O Strand.

In the meantime

Y'all be safe out there!

Louis**GOALS FOR 24**

What will your goals be for 2024?

Some people strive on gossiping, some people strive on seeking positive experiences. The first one is based on negative perceptions that is expanded by adding falsehoods to the occasion. It is never uplifting and beneficial. The one who seeks positive experiences, seek situations in which people can gain positive experiences that will be good to their spiritual and physical well-being. People focusing on appositve outlook also maintains a healthy and positive value system.

What would you like to focus on?

Scribe:

A blessed festive season is wished to all. See you in 2024.

Pro 12:8 A man is commended according to his good sense, but one of twisted mind is despised.

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