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One of all the beautiful photos taken at Rally SA 2026



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Presidents Introduction

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This year has brought many challenges across all levels of the CCSA. While some regions have unfortunately closed due to low membership, there is encouraging news of possible revivals of previously closed regions, as well as discussions of potential mergers. These developments remind us that not all is lost, and there is still much to look forward to.

As regions prepare for their Annual General Meetings, I wish them every success. May your AGM's be positive and productive, with the election of committee members who are both willing and capable of serving in the best interests of their regions.

To the outgoing committee members thank you for your unconditional support to the region during your term.

RALLY SA 2026 was another milestone in the history of the CCSA. The **Vaal Region** set a high standard in hosting the event, and we extend our **congratulations** to them. Their teamwork and determination proved that when a region stands together, obstacles during planning can be overcome.

Looking ahead, our **Convention in October 2026** will be hosted by the Natal Regions at Natalia ATKV. We warmly invite members to join us for camping at the park and to attend the convention. Participation will provide valuable insight into the workings of the CCSA "behind the scenes."

Continuous communication will be shared by the hosts throughout the following weeks leading up to convention, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our international counterparts, the **F.I.C.C. in Europe**, have extended an invitation for us to join them in celebrating **World Camping Day** on **29 June 2026**.

Rene, our PRO, has already circulated a memo to all regions and clubs with similar interest encouraging participation in this global event. We are pleased to see that several regions have embraced the initiative with enthusiasm, creating banners and proudly displaying them at their rallies.

I sincerely thank those regions for the spirit in which this invitation was accepted and for the effort put into making the event visible. Your commitment reflects the unity and passion in the CCSA and your regions. We trust that this initiative will continue to gain momentum and become a regular on our fixture lists.

We are currently arranging a **charity drive** to support less fortunate individuals in the Northern Province. An organization called **Moeggesukkel** provides shelter and assistance to those facing poverty, hardship, and a lack of basic resources. I am in communication with the founder and Director to explore how the CCSA can contribute meaningfully. Once the administrative and logistical details are finalized, further information will be shared with all regions to request assistance.

Our aim is to bring joy to children and adults before the end of the year by distributing goody packs con-



taining toiletries and gently used clothing. I encourage other regions to identify needy organizations in their areas and join us in this initiative. Together, we can demonstrate that the CCSA is compassionate and willing to go the extra mile.

Looking ahead, next year marks a significant milestone — the **CCSA's 80th birthday in June 2027**. This celebration will require careful planning, and we look forward to making it a memorable event for all.

God bless

Yours in Camping

Anton Pretorius

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President se Voorwoord

Deur Anton Pretorius



RALLY SA 2026 was nog 'n mylpaal in die geskiedenis van die KSA. Die **Vaalstreek** het 'n hoë standaard gestel met hul gasheerrol, en ons spreek ons **hartlike gelukwense** uit. Hul spanwerk en vasberadenheid het bewys dat wanneer 'n streek saamstaan, selfs die grootste uitdagings tydens beplanning oorkom kan word.

Hierdie jaar het talle uitdagings oor alle vlakke van die KSA meegebring. Alhoewel sommige streke ongelukkig moes sluit weens lae lidmaatskap, is daar bemoedigende nuus van moontlike herlewings van geslote streke, asook gesprekke oor samesmeltings. Hierdie ontwikkelings herinner ons daaraan dat nie alles verlore is nie, en dat daar steeds baie is om na uit te sien.

Soos streke voorberei vir hul **Algemene Jaarvergaderings**, wens ek elkeen alle sukses toe. Mag die vergaderings positief en produktief wees, en mag die verkose komitee lede gewillig en bekwaam wees om die beste belange van hul streke te dien.

Aan die uittredende komitee lede: dankie vir julle onvoorwaardelike ondersteuning gedurende julle termyn.

Ons sien uit na die **Konvensie in Oktober 2026**, wat deur die Natalstreke by Natalia ATKV aangebied sal word. Lede word hartlik uitgenooi om saam te kamp en die konvensie by te woon. Deelname bied waardevolle insig in die werksaamhede van die KSA “agter die skerms.” Deurlopende kommunikasie sal deur die gasheerstreke gedeel word in die weke wat lei tot die konvensie, en ons sien uit daarna om julle daar te ontmoet.

Ons internasionale vennote, die **F.I.C.C. in Europa**, het ons uitgenooi om saam met hulle **Wêreldkampdag** op **29 Junie 2026** te vier. Rene, ons PRO, het 'n memo aan alle streke en ander klubs gestuur om deelname aan te moedig. Dit is bemoedigend om te sien dat verskeie streke die inisiatief met entoesiasme aanvaar het deur baniere te skep en dit trots by hul byeenkomste te vertoon.

Ek spreek my opregte dank uit aan daardie streke vir die gees waarin die uitnodiging aanvaar is en vir die moeite wat gedoen is om die geleentheid sigbaar te maak. Julle toewyding weerspieël die eenheid en passie van die KSA en julle streke. Ons vertrou dat hierdie inisiatief verder momentum sal kry en 'n vaste plek op ons kalender sal inneem.

Ons is ook besig om 'n **liefdadigheidsprojek** in die Noordelike Provinsie te reël om minderbevoorregtes te ondersteun. Die organisasie **Moeggesukkel** bied skuiling en hulp aan mense wat armoede en swaarkry ervaar. Ek is in gesprek met die stigter en Direkteur om te bepaal hoe die KSA 'n betekenisvolle bydrae kan lewer. Sodra die administrasie en logistiek afgehandel is, sal verdere kommunikasie met alle streke gedeel word om ondersteuning te vra.

Ons doel is om vreugde te bring aan kinders en volwassenes voor die einde van die jaar deur geskenkpakkies met toeleware en goeie gebruikte klere uit te deel. Ek moedig ander streke aan om behoeftige organisasies in hul gebiede te identifiseer en saam met ons hierdie inisiatief te ondersteun. Saam kan ons wys dat die KSA meegevoel het en bereid is om die



ekstra myl te loop.

Volgende jaar vier die KSA 'n belangrike mylpaal — ons **80ste verjaardag in Junie 2027**. Hierdie viering sal deeglike beplanning verg, en ons sien uit daarna om dit 'n gedenkwaardige geleentheid vir almal te maak.

Gods seënwense

Met kampgroete

Anton Pretorius

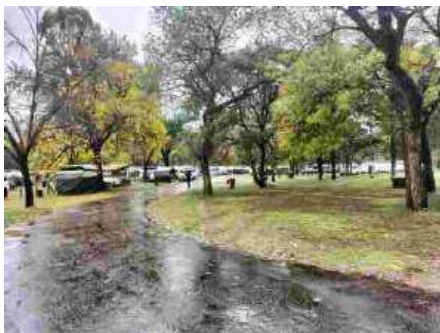
Rally South Africa 2026

Introduction—Flag Raising

What a weekend and what an honor to be part of Rally SA 2026. Vaal Triangle Region you did an amazing job. 155 Caravans and the park could definitely have taken a few more, although it was fully booked by late Dec 2025.

Die ontvangs by View on the Vaal was tops georganiseerd. Wynand Muller en sy span—julle het 'n haas verseker uit die hoed getrek met die een!!

Ek en Kobus arriveer saam met die Derek Clark Toer



Groep, en die hek diens was baie goed bestuur. Twee punte, met radio konneksie tussen die twee, en as jy stop by hek punt 2 was die pakkie

in jou venster, met al die nodige informasie.

Vandaar het die Vaal lede ooral vir ons gewys hoe om te draai, en te parkeer. Alhoewel daar 'n gebied oop was vir die Derek Clark groep, besluit ons om tussen Midlands se mense te staan. Midlands het die vuil end van die stok gekry as dit by staanplekke kom—maar nie temin al was dit net grond en modderigheid, het ons nie gekla nie. Net gekamp.

As we popped out of the car, torrential rain came pouring down and we needed to set up. By the time we had our tent up, we needed a change of clothes as we were drenched to the skin.

Shortly after the second tour group from KZN arrived and the group pulled in, and took shelter under our awning until the rain subsided.

We had arranged ample wood for fires and so many other Regions. Typically Highveld autumn weather, the Natalians was not used to it. Warm in the day, and cold to freezing at nights. The fires had to keep us going.

Vrydagaand was braai vure ooral en elke groep / streek was besig met hulle eie dinge. By die Midlands braai was daar 'n toeloop van mense die hele tyd. As dit nie Anton en Riana (President) was nie, dan was dit Wynand, Helene en



nog ander van Vaal Streek. Praat nie eers van die nonsens makers wat net kom kyk het wat ons doen nie. All in GOOD SPIRIT!! Ek reken daai groep het van streek na streek geloop en almal laat welkom voel. GO Vaal!

Saterdagmôre breek, en daar loop 'n rooi mannetjie deur die park en maak geweldig baie lawaai. Die KAMP KOMMANDANT!! Hy loop deur die park se strate en maak seker ons kry ons self reg vir die aanloop na die vlagpale vir die vlae se huisings.



Netvoor 9 uur staan die streke in groepe en wag vir die parade na die vlagpale toe.

This is when the Regions make sure everyone else knows who they are, colourful dressed in the Region attire, some singing along with boom boxes and others just walking the walk. Even a few Pink Dogs did the walk. South Rand's 4 legged members. I hope their subs are paid!!

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Earlier this year

I approached all the Regions to do something during their rally in June to celebrate World Camping Day which happens every year on 29 June.

It is a relative new award and World Camping Day this year is only the 4th one to be celebrated.

Die idee was dat die streke iets doen wat spesiaal was, 'n banner maak wat lees "World Camping Day 29 June" en dan sou ek 'n klein verslaggie of nuusbrieffie saamstel wat ons met F.I.C.C. sal deel.

Geen van die streke het rerig

vir my in kennis gestel dat hulle iets sou doen nie, maar toe hier op die laaste nippertjie kry ek 'n klompie streke wat tog 'n ietsie gedoen het.

Die wat toe wel iets gedoen was 'n groot verassing. Easterns, Midlands, Suid Vrystaat, en selfs South Rand, net om 'n paar te noem.

So ook het van ons mededingende Klubs ook moeite gedoen bv. :

Trekkers waarvan 3 van hulle streke (ek dink dit is meer Provinsies soos ons dit ken) en SA Camping Club Gauteng was ook baie besig

gewees met World Camping Day.

I also saw some other Groups on Facebook (not Clubs) taking part on a small scale and I wish to thank everyone that did something towards the day.

Thank you out of the bottom of my heart for those that made the effort. Perhaps the 5th WCD we would have a better present.s

René Stroebel

National Marketer



Easterns with Potjie and Kids Games



Andrew (Foxy) & Ann FOXCROFT - 250 Nationals

The Foxcroft's first caravan - a brand new Jurgens 450 purchased for the princely sum of R2850 - and immediately joined the CCSA on the advice of the selling Dealer who recommended that we take advantage of the Club's excellent insurance scheme, and assured us that the Club was the only way to truly enjoy caravanning.

The Dealer was right - the Club gave us a rewarding adventure covering nearly 50 years, remaining committed to its ideals as we covered nearly 190 000km crisscrossing Southern Africa, attending 564 rallies and 26 Tours in the process.

The Club's dynamics in those early years proved the ideal atmosphere in which to raise our children who reveled in the freedom of just enjoying being kids: remember this was before laptops, cell phones, faxes and even television! As a family we are forever grateful for what organised caravanning gave us.

We found that serving the Club in several capacities over the years to be rewarding and fulfilling, none more so than as a Trustee of the Derek Clarke Awards Association, founded by the late Derek as a means on engendering loyalty for continued membership, and regarding those who demonstrated commitment and service to the Club. It was an important part of the Club's activities which continues to flourish to this day.

Our family's journey reads like a living history of the CCSA—full of grit, laughter, and unforgettable camaraderie.

Their highlights that really shine through:

- ♦ **Beginnings in Natal Region:** That first rally, feeling out of place until Dennis and Joyce Holloway extended a hand—such a perfect example of how kindness keeps people in the fold.
- ♦ **Cyclone Démonia at Widenham (1984):** Caravans floating, banks collapsing, yet you lifted your feet and carried on with breakfast on the Skottel. That's the spirit of resilience!
- ♦ **Suns and Roses Tour (1996):** Rain, boozy cherries, and the unforgettable sight of 90 vans parading along Port Elizabeth's beachfront with a police escort—pure spectacle.
- ♦ **Feeding 1000 at Midmar:** Gillian Castle's stopwatch moment, Gessie Keeling's planning, and ox on the spit—legendary feats of organization and hospitality.
- ♦ **Gross Barmen Rally:** Ger-

man-style partying for your 75th rally—what a milestone!

- ♦ **Convoys with Derek Clarke:** "Wheels Music" setting the tone as the tours rolled out—those small traditions become the heartbeat of a club.

Foxy & Ann Foxcroft
CCSA celebrating our 49 years?

The story beautifully captures why caravanning is more than just travel—it's community, tradition, and shared adventure. The gratitude to CCSA is heartfelt, but it's clear the Foxcroft family gave just as much back through service, leadership, and friendship. See their huge milestones below!



Foxcroft Milestones

OCTOBER 1977 – JANUARY 2026

NATIONAL RECORD

Joined CCSA	October 1977	
1st National Rally	Karavana	May 1978
10th	Dolphin	May 1981
25th	Durban Caravan Park	November 1983
50th	Peatties Lake	September 1988
75th	Gross Barmen, Namibia	May 1993
100th	Hibberdene	May 1997
125th	Natalia	March 2002
150th	Bazley	September 2006
175 th	Marlon	March 2011
200 th	Shelley Park	January 2016
225 th	Weesgerus	March 2020
250 th	TO Strand	January 2026

NATAL REGION

1st Regional Rally	Caravan Cove	June 1978
10	Karavana	Feb 1981
21	Uitspan	Aug 1983
35	Marlon	Oct 1985

Total of 62 Regional rallies with Natal Region.

SUNSHINE COAST REGION

Instrumental in the formation of Sunshine Coast Region and were made Founder Members.

1 st Regional	Natalia Inaugural	April 1989
13	La Mouette	June 1991
26	Natalia	October 1993
39	Weenen (Tour)	March 1996
52	Scottburgh	August 1998
65	Hlalanathi	September 2000
78	Natalia	August 2003
91	Natalia	August 2005

Completed 146 rallies with Sunshine Coast Region.

Led the Sunshine Coast "Suns and Roses Tour" to Bloemfontein for Rally SA in 1996

ALFRED COUNTY REGION

Joined Alfred County Region in November 2015, and have completed 48 Regional Rallies (8 before joining the Region as a Member)

Attended 23 Regional Rallies with other CCSA Regions.

DEREK CLARKE AWARDS ASSOCIATION

Attended 30 DCA Rallies and 26 DCA Tours, having organized all the Rallies and organized and led 5 of the Tours.

Foxcroft's Service to the CCSA

Foxy:

Natal Committee 1982
 Chairman 1983 – 85
 Vice Chairman and Chairman until 1988
 (as not permitted to be a National Councillor and of a Region)

Served as a National Councillor for 9 years 1985 – 1993
 Received Eric Hoffman Awards
 Senior Rally Marshal – Rally SA at Midmar 1993
 Senior Trustee of the Derek Clarke Awards Association: 2004 to 2016



Ann:

Committee Portfolios in Sunshine Coast Region:

1992 Chief Rally Marshal
 1994 Scribe
 1995 Scribe
 1996 PRO / Scribe
 1997 Scribe
 1998 Vice Chairman / Scribe
 1999 Vice Chairman
 2003 Chairman
 2004 Chairman

AWARDS:

Natal Honorary Senior Regional Membership: August 1988
 Sunshine Coast Honorary Regional Membership: August 2005
 Honorary Life Members: Durban Convention 1992
 Derek Clarke Awards Association Membership: August 2003
 Eric Hoffman Award for 10 year's committee service

Been there, Done that
Foxy



Three Tours to Rally SA 2026

For those that travelled from far to be at Rally SA 2026, tour groups were arranged. The Western Cape Group was by far the largest of 14 caravans (families) that started arranging the tour 2 years ago. Their tour was not just a trip to Rally SA but an extended stay in Limpopo, Kruger National Park and Mpumalanga. Andrew Potgieter (Boland Region) leading the tour.

They called their tour :

2026 CCSA Boland Region tour to SA Rally and Beyond.

Their travels took them to the Karoo National Park, Gariep, (stopping at The Fat Butcher in Ventersburg for the best biltong), View on the Vaal.

Na Rally SA ry hulle na Badplaas Forever Resorts, and into the KNP-Berg en Dal, north of Skukuza

Hulle bly verder by Numbi Hotel & Karavaan Park, en verken die area soos, Hazyview. Volgende stop was Merry Pebbles in Sabie. Hulle maak 'n draai by Bourkes Luck Pot-holes, Gods Window en Graskop Gorge Hysbak.

Vandaar reis hulle na Warmbad Forever Resort in Bela Bela, en toe begin die draai terug huis toe tot by Maselspoort in die Vrystaat. Hulle stop in Bloemfontein en verken 'n klompie besienswaardighede daar. En toe terug Karoo Nasionale Park, voor hulle die laaste stuk pad terug Kaapstad toe reis.

- 14 Karavane
- 14 paartjies
- 4000 kms
- 31 dae.



Hulle se : Awesome memories. Die samesein en bande wat gevorm word is kosbaar.

Die volgende groep was **Derek Clark Toergroep** wat die Vrystaat die jaar aangepak het. DCCA doen 1 toer en 1 kamp per jaar en hulle toer het gepaard gegaan met Rally SA 2026. Hulle toer sou eindig die 24 Apr, en dan vertrek na Rally SA 2026. Hulle doen toe 'n roete deur goeie ou Vrystaat.

They kick off their tour on 8 April at ATKV Drakensville, and 4 days later travelled to Oranje Guest Farm in the Eastern Freestate where they visited Clarens, Fouriesburg and Sandstone Estate. I must on anyone's bucket list, and don't forget the well known Constantia Cherry Padstal and Farm.

Bloemfontein was their next stop, and they stayed over at Reyneke Park. In Bloem they Die Vroue Monument and War Museum, Naval Hill and saw some game as well. Their last stop was Aldam Resort close to Ventersburg for the last 4 days of the tour. By now it was cold for the Natallians. Guys we are not use to the inland cold weather.! It was raining, with wind and whatnot, but survived until Kobus and I joint them from our own little holiday in the Eastern Cape, arriving in the rain at Aldam. We tag along with the group for 2 of the 4 days and then joined Rally SA View on the Vaal.



Cane To Coal Tour

Cane to Coal Tour—die KZN Streke en wat nie op die DCA toer was nie, het hulle eie toergroepie gereël wat toe 3 van die 4 streke van KZN verteenwoordig het.

Dis 'n Rally SA Naweek toer so hulle vertrek die 23ste uit Durban, Richardsbaai, Margate in Pietermaritzburg na N3 tot by ons befaamde Pastei Padstal—Windmills (Nottingham Road). Vandaar vertrek hulle na versnapperinge, op na Harrismith en kry mekaar vir ete die aand by die Spur by Mountain View. Dis 'n gunsteling stop plek.

Die groepie is klein:
Majors & Pelsers (Midlands)
Von Backström (Alfred County)
Jacobs (Noordkus)

Hulle arriveer die 24ste in storm weer by View on the Vaal en kamp vir seker 'n uur onder die Stroebel Awning dat die reën minder word.

On their journey back on 27th, their tour group expanded by the inclusion of the Derek Clark Group and who joined them at Harrismith for the evening, dinner back at Spur by all.

By morning the travelling from Harrismith is always the same, in convey, and as you reach your turnoff you flash, you wave and say goodbye.



- 8 Caravans
- 17 people
- 1955 kms
- 20 dae

Some Cane to Coal Tour photos



Mountain View Stop
over—Harrismith



Spur Dinner



Windmills Stop

RALLY SA 2026 continue

Vlaghuising was nog altyd 'n belangrike en tradisionele aspek in die KSA. Ons moet dit nooit verloor nie. Dit maak wie en wat ons is.

Daar was nie veel pale nie maar Provinsies is saam met hulle streke op 1 paal gehys. Gys van Dyk het vir ons die opening gedoen en Anton Pretorius het Rally SA 2026 oop verklaar.

An then the fun began!

The kids started with their scavenger hunt and later it was the adults turn to be silly.

Die Kamp Kampioene Spele was 'n wel uitgedinkte aktiwiteit wat ons almal se vermoëns getoets het. Van blinddoek krywa stoot, grondseil uitsit, vaspen, en weer opvou, toiletpapier aandra, tetris speel, en verlengingskoord uitrol en oprol. Dinge wat ons met elke kamp doen.!

We had some slow ones, and we had some fast ones. One of the stars was my little grandson of 8 years who attempted the tetris with Andre of Midlands and did an astonishing win of 43 sec.

There was a Food Truck selling a variety of take aways, South Rand did the brekkie buns on Sunday morning. A market full of interesting things like innovative pegs for the caravan, to knives and ice cream which was a hit by the kids no matter how cold it was that weekend.

Die Bennetts Beer on tap and Gin on tap had trailers parked with a non-stop flow of people enjoying and testing away during the weekend.

Liesl brought some old hat badges of Regions, and other CCSA memorabilia.

During the afternoon people moved back to the caravans, to get ready for the Live Show and the Mister(ess) Rally SA competition. Men had to get make-up, legs had to be shaved, torso hair had to be waxed.!!(haha)

Everyone organized snacks for their tables and we crashed the tent with vengeance to see Anton Botha Live; who also happens to be the brother of Helene Muller and Anton kept the people well entertained with lots of laughter. At half-time the Mister(ess) Show started.

Amanda (ek is A-Man-Da) aka Wynand Muller, delighted the audience with his trademark squeaky voice, skillfully introducing each of the Mistre(esses). His playful energy kept the atmosphere light and engaging throughout the evening.

The Mister(esses), in turn, rose to the occasion with bold performances. They entertained without hesitation, showing off their beautiful unshaven legs and bodies with flair and confidence. Some did a fabulous singing act, whilst others got all acrobatic. Their willingness to go the extra mile ensured that the audience was

thoroughly entertained and we were left with lasting memories of a daring, spirited showcase.

It was a real show stopper!.



Perhaps our oldest Mistres(ess)—Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout aka Johny Venter North Coast Region.



Bederf met 'n pragtige vol bederf sak vanaf Vaal vir Rally SA

Kyk net al die borge, wel gedaan Vaal !!



Kyk net !!! Wow, Loos stof, raffle tickets, koekies, fire lighters, in 'n Paarman produkte.

RALLY SA 2026—Mistresses



Mistress—South Rand Region-
Winner for RSA26



Mistress—Pretoria Streek





RALLY SA 2026— Compère & Mistress Winner



Our compère for the Mistress Show was Amanda aka Wynand Muller.

Wynand chose the name because :

A-Man-Da (Ek is 'n man daar)



Winner for the Mistress Show at Rally SA 2026 was:

Mister(ess) Rally SA:
Rhonda (Pieter Geyser Jnr - South Rand)

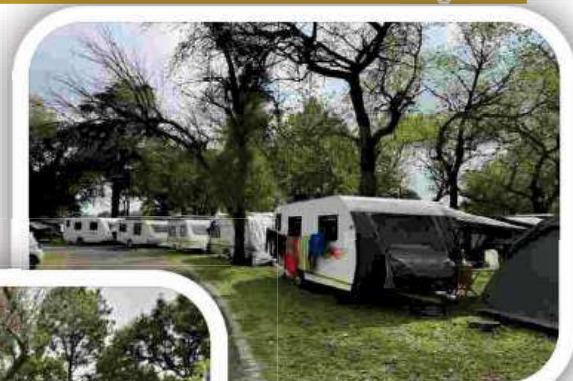
Mister(ess) Photogenic:
Sarah Twinkeltoes (Deon Kirchner - Magalies)

Mister(ess) Personality
Byta Bollokov (Kayne Baldwin - Easterns)

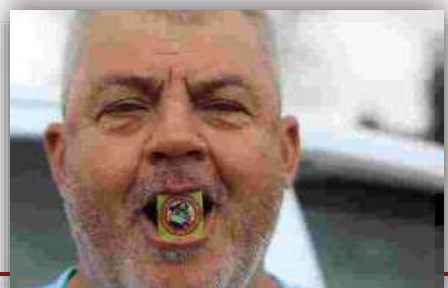
Mister(ess) Been(hare):
Evita Bezuidenhout (Johnny Venter - North Coast)

Mister(ess) Legs 4 Day:
Penny Tration (Louis Grant - Easterns)





Leëre Rally SA Skyfie ontvang. Puik werk.





2. AANTAL KARAVANE BY SAAMTREK / NUMBER OF CARAVANS AT RALLY

STREEK / REGION	AANTAL KARAVANE / AMOUNT OF CARAVANS
Alfred County	2
Boland	11
Drsa	2
Easterns	26
Gauteng Central	13
Highveld	2
Jakaranda	21
Magalies	10
Midlands	8
Natal	1
North Coast	3
Pretoria	2
South Easterns	2
South Rand	19
Southern Free State	13
Tafelbaai	1
Vaal	17
Visitors	2
Total	153 Members / 2 Visitors / 155 in Total

Grand Dukes of the Groundsheets:

Collin & Glen (South Rand) - 41.65 sec



Masters of Maneuvering:

Neels & Gerhard (Highveld) - 3 min 11 sec



Titans of Tetris:

André & Elandré (8 jaar) (Midlands) - 43 sec



King Pins of the Cables:

André en Juan (Midlands) - 20 sec



Leaders of the Loo Run:

Tyla & Skyla (Easterns) - 26.54 sec



Overall Region Winners

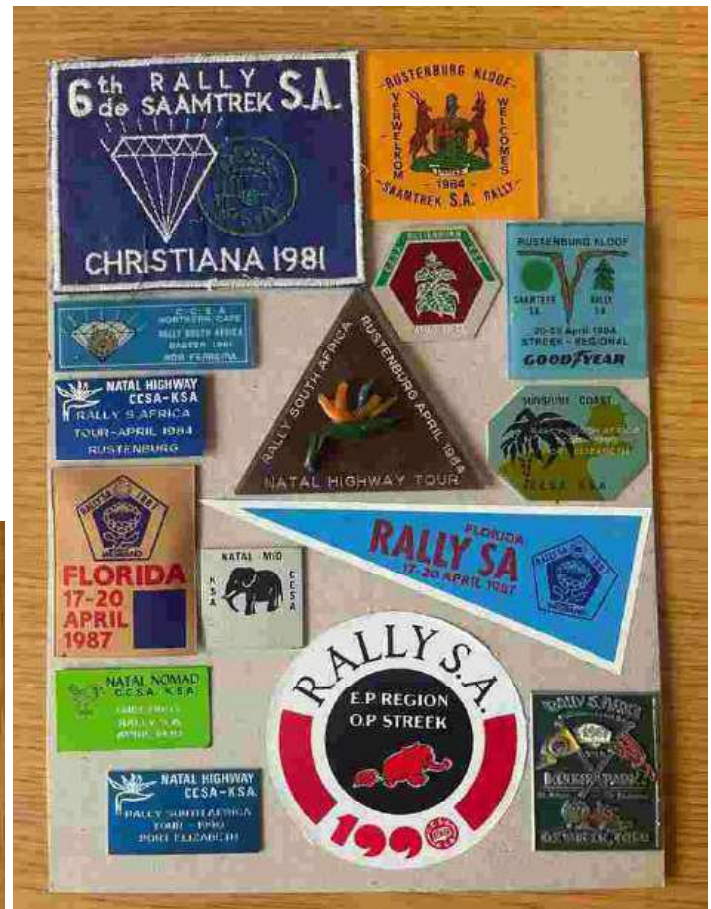
1. South Rand
2. Easterns
3. Midlands
4. Jakaranda
5. Gauteng Central



RALLY SA

Records or discs of all Rally SA's of past years dating to the early 70s.

Enlarge the page and look where all the Rally SA's were held.



Camping with your Pets

An interesting article from the latest Newsletter from **F.I.C.C.** (**Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning**) (*abbreviated and changed for SA campernites*)

Camping with pets, especially dogs and cats, requires good planning and preparation to ensure a safe, comfortable and fun experience for everyone. These days, pets are more important members of families than ever and many owners don't want to leave their companions behind when embarking on a camping adventure. However, it is understandable that some people may feel anxious especially if it is their first time camping with their animals. Fortunately, with proper preparation and a few essential tips, both owners and their pets can fully enjoy the outdoor experience. Here is some practical advice:

Prepare

- **Documentation and vaccinations:** make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date and always carry its vaccination card and identification (microchip and contact collar).
- **Check** with your Region Committee if pets are allowed on your organised Rallies.
- **Training:** Before you go camping, make sure your dog is used to obeying basic commands like "stay" and "come", which is essential in outdoor environments. In the case of cats, getting them used to a collar can be useful if you want to take your cat for a walk outdoors.
- **Equipment:** Bring a bed or blanket for your pet so they feel comfortable and safe.
- **Remember** your pet will be on a leash at the campsite and you pet must be used to

that.

During the trip

- **Comfort:** It's important to ensure your pet is safe while travelling.
- **Frequent stops:** If the trip is long, take breaks for your pet to stretch, drink water, urinate etc.



At the campsite

- **Choose pet-friendly sites:** Not all campsites welcome pets. Check in advance which ones are pet-friendly and whether they have specific rules (such as keeping animals on a leash).
- **Walking areas:** find out if the campsite has dedicated trails for walking animals and make sure the environment is safe for them to explore.
- **Protection and comfort:** Make sure your pet has shaded areas and plenty of fresh water.
- **Keep you pet on a leash.**

Roaming pets, can become a problem to the non-pet friendly person. Not all people like pets at a campsite.

Other considerations

- **Night time safety:** At night, keep your pet inside the tent or caravan to prevent it from getting lost or coming into contact with wild animals.
- **Waste:** Be responsible for cleaning up your animals' waste. Keep sanitary bags on hand and dispose of them in an appropriate place.
- **Health and first aid:** Carry a first aid kit for your pet, including products such as disinfectants, tweezers (to remove ticks) and basic medications recommended by your veterinarian.

Travelling and camping with pets can be an amazing experience, but it requires planning and attention to detail to ensure everyone, including your four-legged friend, has an enjoyable and safe adventure.



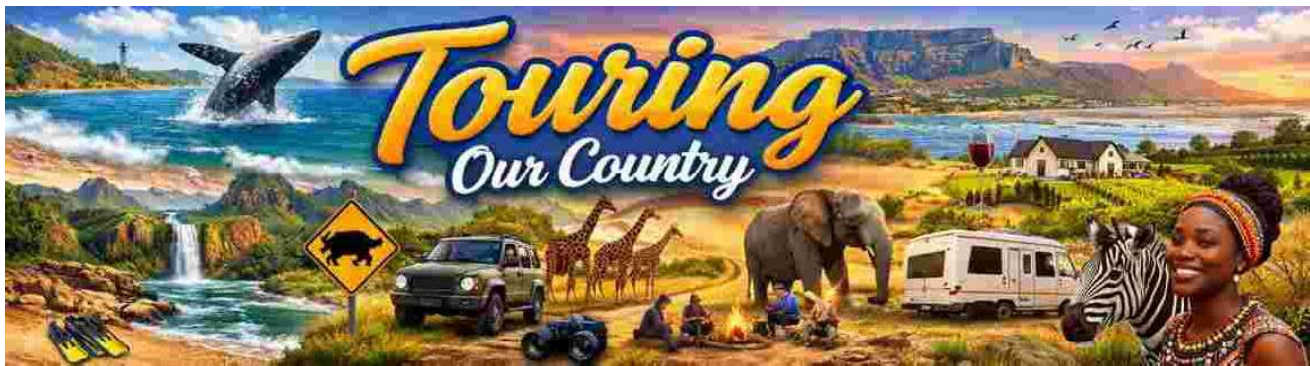
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RALLY SA 2026 continue

On the last day being the Sunday of Rally SA. We gathered in the Marque for Friendlies and awards ceremony. Some Regions also handed out special awards to members.

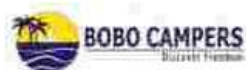
Afterwards, the Volley Ball Challenge started. I do not have any information on who the overall winners are but I have some photos of the good sportsmanship that was had.





Planned Tours Registered with CCSA Head Office

Region	Date of Tour	Name of Tour	Registration No:
W Cape Prov Tour	Rally SA	Rally SA & KNP	WCP/2026/001
DCAA	08 - 28 April 2026	Free State Tour	DCA/2026/002
KZN Provincial	23 - 28 April 2026	Rally SA Tour	KZN/2026/003
Southern Cape	11-20 September 2026	Coddwomple Toer	SCA/2026/004
Boland	28 Aug - 6 Sep 2026	Westcoast Tour	BOL/2026/005



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Vyf Ster Rally—Area C



With the long weekend fast approaching, Magalies members were super excited to attend our yearly 5 star rally that took place at Weesgerus just outside Modi-Modi (Nylstroom).

By 2pm Friday afternoon members started driving in full force to set up camp for the long weekend. Saturday morning all the Area C members started preparing for their parades dressed in their costumes. Costumes ranged from men and women dressed as road workers to the sick, lame and lazy. The Flintstones also made their appearance, as well as the Springbokke managed to get a show in.

The comradery and "Gees" was enjoyed by all the Area C regions present. The volleyball, juksekei, kettie skiet, rolbal was enjoyed by all.

Members started taking strain towards the end of the day, but Magalies Region stuck fast right to the end, and clinched the following titles:

- 1st place Rolbal woman
- 1st place volleyball woman
- 1st place woman's juksekei
- 1st place mens boepens
- 1st place mens troutrek
- 1st place Snr Volleyball
- 1st place was shared with Jakaranda woman's troutrek

Magalies Region would like to thank Jakaranda Region who hosted the rally like a well oiled machine. From when CCSA Members arrived right thru the whole weekend. Not to mention the fantastic prizes that were up for grabs at Chairmain's tea. From konk's to a inverter.

Magalies Region will be hosting the 5 star rally at Weesgerus from 18-20 June 2027 and hope to see other regions joining us for this event. So book the date!!

*Liesl Assman
Magalies Chairperson*

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SUID VRYSTAAT—60STE BESTAANSJAAR

SOUTHERN FREE STATE REGION CELEBRATES IT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

The Southern Free State was originally part of the "mother region" Northern Free State but broke away to form their own Region in March 1966.

The Club has had 20 Chairmen since its inception. Otto Schoeman, the present Chairman has served for 2 terms totalling 20 years, his current tenure being 2 years.

Awie and Ellen Fourie are our longest serving members and joined the Region in 1975. Other members with more than 30 years membership are Johan and Ina Botes (1985), Koos and Ria Hechter (1985), Koos and Salome Meyburg (1986) and Otto and Susan Schoeman (1990).

Some of our active members have with more than 300 rallies are:

Johan and Ina Botes 447 rallies

Awie and Ellen Fourie 438 rallies

Otto and Susan Schoeman 314 rallies

Koos and Ria Hechter 301 rallies.

Colleen and Danny Zurnamer were the first members in the region to achieve the milestone of 100 rallies in a row. This record has however been broken by Awie and Ellen Fourie who have 115 rallies in a row.

Five of our current members have received the Eric Hoffman award for 10 years or more on the Committee. They are Johan Botes (13 years), Koos Hechter (14 years), Awie Fourie (30 years), Otto Schoeman (24 years) and Colleen Zurnamer

(13 years). The latter 3 are still active committee members.

Two of our current members, Otto Schoeman and Colleen Zurnamer have served as Provincial Councillors.

In 1996 Southern Free State hosted Rally SA on the Martie du Plessis School sports grounds in Bloemfontein..... CCSA members attended. A lot of planning and organising was involved, amongst others laying water pipes on the fields, arranging for a local supermarket to have a pop up stall, on site medical services etc. The event was a huge success and kudos to the team, from a relatively small region for pulling this off.

Unfortunately, like many other regions, our membership has declined over the years, but the spirit and camaraderie is still the same, if not better.

The 60th birthday was celebrated during the Rally held at the beautiful Tramonto Country Estate, outside Bloemfontein on the weekend of 20 to 21 February 2026. There was so much excitement about this event, that a number of members started their rally on the Wednesday prior to the weekend.



SOUTHERN FREE STATE 60TH CONTINUE



The Wednesday before the rally a few of the members went out to get settled and start planning for the weekend. Some of the members went back into town for work on Thursday and Friday. On Friday the rest of the members started arriving early

We had a few guests for the weekend and some of them even joined the club as members. Some of the Guests even came from Parys in the Free State to be part of the big 60 Celebration birthday party of SFS Region.

Nico Prinsloo, Provincial Councillor of Area A, Gauteng also paid us a visit on Thursday afternoon.

The Birthday Rally was Catharina's baby to handle with all her Marshalls & friends. Lynn Delport and Catharina Kruger volunteered to make delicious salads to go with the braai on Saturday for the party.

We were all very excited because here in the Free State we like to celebrate, party and make every camp as special as possible.

On Friday evening, we made fires and had a very nice time with everyone. We sat until late and enjoyed the outdoor and friends at the campfire.

Early on Saturday morning Catharina, Marshalls and friends started decorating the Lapa, because we had quite a lot of rain the day before. We made sure the 60th celebration was displayed all over.

In the meantime, the Chairman looked at everyone's Brag Boards and Trophies, because he had a great competition running for the best story about "What CCSA SFS meant for you". There were specific rules that had to be adhered to for the story. The best Brag Board and

display that told the best story also won a prize. Colleen and Danny Zurnamer were the winner of the best story and Koos Hechter won the Brag Board display.

Around 14h00 we had everyone at the Birthday Party, and everyone could enjoy the delicious cake and snacks that the club provided. Otto our Chairman made a small speech and we all enjoyed the occasion. One of our Sponsors, Zookies, made the Birthday cake and cookies. They were beautifully decorated and were delicious treats.

We played a few games later the Saturday like Darts, aim for the Bottle and find the treasure, where members also have won great prizes and vouchers. Awie and Ellen won a great voucher from Giga's Biltong Deli in Heuwelsig, Bloemfontein. That was a great spoil.

For the party on Saturday evening members were requested to dress up as Boertjies, Hippies or Cowboy/Girls and most of the members that participated in this. It was so much fun. The prize for the best-dressed couple went to Willie and Rene Vosloo. They really went all out with their accessories. Rene was not even recognised; I had to look twice. They won a great voucher from The Famous Brew & Still Restaurant here in Bloemfontein.

Later that day we started to set up for the surprise Guest all the way from Nelspruit, Pieter Rischmuller (AKA Piet Pompies) He was the lead singer back in the days from the band DJ Ossewa.

Our large ground tarpaulin was put out for dancing. Yes! The members were asked to pack in the dancing shoes!!

We made a nice stage for Pieter in the camp area so that he also could enjoy the outdoor and nature with us at the beautiful Tramonto Country Estate.

Our braai fires were lit early that evening and everyone was so excited for Pieter to come and entertain us. We had a blast of a time, members danced, sang along and had so much fun.

On Sunday we had a very nice Chairman's tea, Willie Vosloo opened with a Bible reading, very special message and prayer. Colleen wished the Region on behalf of National and Provincial Councils. Otto then took over and celebrated great campers' achievements and handed out gifts for everyone since it was a Birthday Weekend. When there is a Birthday there should be cake, balloons and gifts. It was such a blessing to be able to surprise everyone with something small and let them feel special.

Southern Free State Region is a home for many of us, our safe haven, a retreat for our souls. It's where the circle of friends become family.



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SOUTH FREE STATE Sunday morning ...





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This issue had lots of Afrikaans and English. So as jy sukkel met die Ingels.... Lees maar die Afrikaans. And if you struggle with the Afrikaans Read the English. That's the best I can suggest.



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