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PROGRAM OF EVENTS - 2008

Events marked (JC) Jeep Club RSA will be "Closed Events" indicating that Club members as well as non-members are welcome to participate in the event provided that he/she is driving a Jeep. At events marked (JC Open) thus "Open Events", the intention is that Club members should attend the event driving a Jeep but are welcome to invite friends with vehicles other than Jeeps to join in the fun.

A new **Calendar 2008** will be published on the web site shortly and you will be advised by means of an SMS as soon as it is published. The updated Program of Events will be published in the News Letters, indicating what is planned in the near future.

Sunday 20 January One-Day Fun Trip (JC) - Treasure Hunt / Skattejag!

Sunday 20 Jan AGM - 11h30 at PMC

Sunday 10 Feb One-Day Fun Trip (JC)

[The Program of Events will take preference over the Calendar for 2008 - the dates of the events may change and/or be omitted or added - so please consult the Program of Events on a regular basis.](#)

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE



HENNOPS OFF-ROAD TRAIL - SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2007





No need for words - we thoroughly enjoyed the day! Jeepee!



YEAR END FUNCTION - SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2007



Thanks to all the organisers, restaurant owner (who during the evening also joined the Jeep Club RSA), Willie Botha (professional musician, springbok arm wrestle, bass catcher and hunter) for the wonderful music and everyone who joined in the feast - what a way to end a very successful year! Tinnie's continues videos and photos on the big screen was a winner!

Thanks Mark and Chrysler Jeep for the Jeep watch/thermometer/hydrometers supplied for our lucky draw. Your support and active involvement throughout the year is highly appreciated.

We wish you a wonderful festive season!



DRIVING THE NEW RUBICON



Wow! This is a whole new experience. Chrysler Jeep supplied us with a Rubicon for a test drive in the sand pits. The look of the vehicle says this is a JEEP! Won't bore you with the specifications but believe you me, it has a total new look with very modern inside configuration. The radio includes a music jukebox, GPS system, video entertainment system, satellite radio, integrated bluetooth and voice activated control and a magnificent sound system which every taxi owner will envy. The absolute silent V6 3.8L engine, with more than enough torque, allow you to use the cruise control even in 6th gear going uphill - this is a Jeep you will drive to work every day and challenge the dongas over the weekend.

Doing the "rough stuff" it took a while to realise that you must change your driving style. This vehicle crawls out anywhere without any effort, except on very loose sand where momentum is needed, and the approach, departure and break-over angles are amazing, not to mention the ground clearance and turning circle - what a pleasure to drive. By pressing a button the sway bars are disengaged and the wheel travel is highly improved ensuring that the wheels stay on the ground. Although fitted with lock differentials front and back, the electronic traction control ensures that you will most probably never use this facility, except in very extreme situations.



Apart from the ETC the vehicle is also equipped with ABS, ESP, ERM and if you do not know what this stands for, don't worry, the vehicle thinks for itself and assist you in all aspects to assure a safe, easy and comfortable drive in any situation. On the tar road it is much smoother and less bumpy than the older models and on the gravel road it performs even better. The fuel consumption is less than half that of the older 4L models, the vehicle and wheel base wider and the windows slightly bent for better wind resistance and a silent interior - assuring that the every day driving experience is enjoyed almost as much as the weekend bundu bashing.

Don't believe me - well, visit a Chrysler Jeep dealer and test-drive a Jeep Rubicon, provided they have a demo model available. Just make sure that you have your chequebook handy because these vehicles are very scarce and you must pay your deposit and book well in advance. Alternatively send a letter to Father Christmas and buy a lotto ticket, just in case!

Thanks Chrysler Jeep - it was an experience to drive this vehicle. I believe that no other vehicle currently available in South Africa will match the popularity and the on- and off-road capabilities of this unique little Jeep. ONLY IN A JEEP!

FLYING THE WILLYS TRUCK 4X4 MB

THE FLYING JEEP (1943) A wartime idea worth reviving as an answer to today's traffic problems?

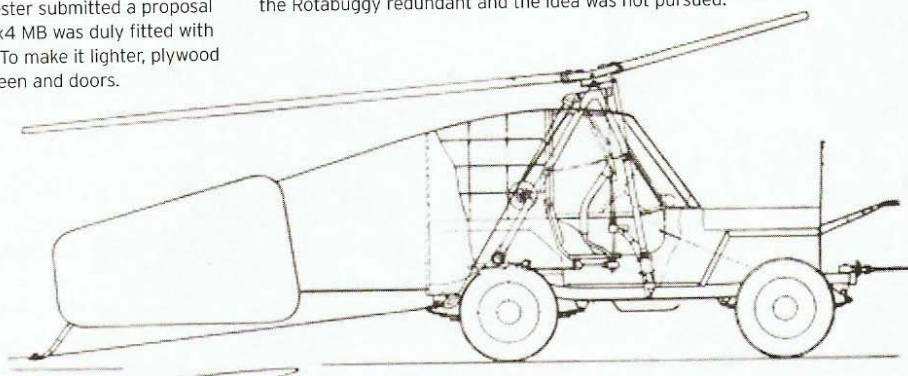


Having seen what the Quad could do on the ground, the Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment wanted to see what it could do in the air. On 3 April 1942 its Rotary Wing section in Manchester submitted a proposal

to convert the Quad for flying, and a Willys Truck 4x4 MB was duly fitted with a stabilising tail and a detachable two-bladed rotor. To make it lighter, plywood was used for the cabin and Perspex for the windscreen and doors.

The idea was to deliver troops more accurately behind enemy lines. It had a crew of two: a pilot who held the hanging control column and a driver who handled the steering wheel. Dubbed the Rotabuggy, it had its first test on 16 November 1943, when it was towed airborne by a super-charged Bentley at Sherburn-in-Elmet, near Leeds. More than 60 adaptations followed - including a tow by a Whitley bomber which resulted in the unfortunate pilot having to wrestle with the control column for the entire test: he collapsed

with exhaustion afterwards and was officially described as "unhappy". Finally it succeeded in flying. On 11 September 1944, Squadron Leader I.M.D. Little made a ten-minute flight, 122m above the ground at speeds up to 65mph. By then, unfortunately, the development of vehicle-carrying gliders had rendered the Rotabuggy redundant and the idea was not pursued.



Abstract from Freedom, the Chrysler & Jeep Magazine, Autumn 2004

LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS



When recovering a bogged vehicle use a stretchable kinetic towrope, sometimes also called a tuggum or snatch strap. Buy the best strap available and do not try and save money. The straps have a life span of approximately 20 tugs and they are stretched out but can still be used for normal towing purposes, etc. Abused, over-used and poorly maintained straps are dangerous!

Do not join two straps with shackles that may become deadly missiles should the strap snap. Do not use a kinetic towrope if the vehicle is resting on its chassis; first get the weight back onto the wheels. Make very sure about the security of attachment points. Use D-shackles and tow eyes if the vehicles are fitted with them.

Select the most effortless direction of towing the vehicle and tow in a straight line. Make sure bystanders are clear. Lay something like a blanket over the strap to absorb the energy in case the strap snaps. The recovery vehicle should be similar or larger in size and weight as the vehicle to be recovered.

Move the recovery vehicle to a point not less than half the length of the strap. Pull away at normal take-off speed, in first gear, low range, four-wheel drive, accelerate gently and keep the speed constant. Remember that the vehicle's momentum and the energy caused by the stretchable kinetic towrope are doing the work. Speeding off does not increase the pull but may overstress the kinetic rope.

Make sure that you have taken all precautionary measures - SAFETY FIRST!

GENERAL NEWS

CLASSIFIEDS, JEEP RELATED ADVERTISEMENTS AND GENERAL ITEMS

In order to make the Newsletter more user friendly, quicker to download from the website and be able to publish more photos and interesting articles - Classifieds, links to "Jeep" related and general items, a list of members and photos of members vehicles, etc. will in future be accommodated on the website itself.

Please scan the website for classifieds and other interesting information!

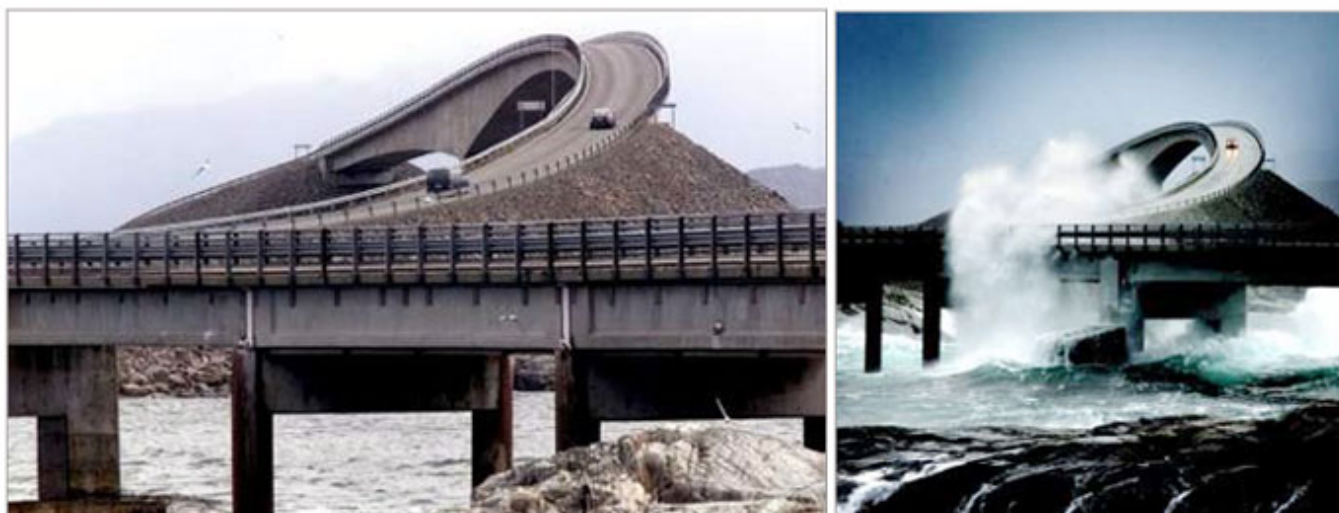
ROADS



May your road be less complicated this December and in the New Year.

We wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year





AGM - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

Seeing that a quorum was not achieved during the annual general meeting, the AGM is postponed to 20 January 2008 to coincide with the first one-day fun event. Details will follow!

VERY IMPORTANT - DON'T FORGET!
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
11H30 ON SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2008 AT PMC CLUB
HOUSE, SILVERTON, PRETORIA
PLEASE - YOU MUST BE THERE AND DON'T FORGET!
(MINUTES AND CONSTITUTION AVAILABLE ON WEB PAGE)

MEMBERS PARTICIPATION

Your enthusiasm, participation, support and positive attitude will ensure that the Jeep Club RSA grow as a family orientated pleasure club catering for the "loves" in our lives - our families, friends, outdoor adventure and needless to say - our Jeeps!





The Jeep Club RSA cater for what we believe in - family fun in our Jeeps!

Please print this Newsletter in colour and distribute it amongst your friends and family without access to Internet facilities.

Make sure your companion, kids and friends also read the newsletter and know what we are up to next!



HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY - LIVE WITHOUT LIMITS

