

RSG 4X4 CLUB VISIT SANDSTONE ESTATES

7 AUGUST 2010

On Saturday 7/08/2010 Francois Rossouw from the RSG 4x4 Club visited the estate for their annual visit. Francois arrived in his Fortuner sponsored by Toyota SA.

Most of our guest arrived in Toyota 4x4's. They yearly tour do the Lesotho tour to Katse Dam, Kao Mine, Ionia and then Sandstone Estates. The guests departed from Fouriesburg and at 9h30 were welcomed by Hester Dietrichsen at the Waenhuis with coffee and homemade crunchies before they were briefed on the programme for the day.





Hester welcomed all at Sandstone and announced the programme for the day.

No. 88, a newly restored locomotive, was steamed by Gert Jubileus and his team for the main item on the programme for the day, the guests went down to Grootdraai and then to Vailima for a 1 ½ hour steam train ride.



Gert & Hester discussing final arrangements before guests depart.



When the train arrived at Hoekfontein station it was the main attraction for the moment. Elderly people could not believe what they saw, and relived the good old times.





NO 88 running full steam past Vailima

Gert Jubileus ready for some action!



Very happy tour members getting on the train





Serving lunch to our guests in the Waenhuis the traditional way.

Most of them enjoyed the freshly baked "boere brood" baked on site



Great group of people getting off the train, still taking last pictures and all smiling.

They all could not stop talking about the great train trip they had on the farm.





We had the parents of former beauty queen Anneline Victor on the farm as guests, in this photo they were proudly telling me that there daughter all in one year, was the Rag Queen of UFS, Miss Cherry Festival and a Miss SA finalist.



Guest gathering outside one of the sheds while others were still viewing the unbelievable private collection.

If one person was speechless most of the day it was Oom Jan Ebershon from Pretoria. He closed his eyes while touching the different locomotives in the steam shed. He could not stop saying thank you for what Sandstone Heritage Trust is doing for the world. It was touching to see the real appreciation in his eyes. Oom Jan has cancer and planned his day at Sandstone well in advance. We had to drive him to the different sheds to view the private collection.



Viewing the Waterloo Boy in the Tracor Hospice





Our guests in the Steam Workshop viewing the private steam collection





Having a conversation with guests most interested..



Very happy guests leaving the Estate after an ecstatic day.

Francois Rossouw mentioned that every is just getting better & better!



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