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## EDITORIAL



Dear friends, have you ever seen Fighter Jets on a peaceful mission in the middle of the desert? Exciting!!! That was one of our highlights of the annual **Fly-In** at Rostock Ritz International Airport. In contrast, some weeks

before we could relax our souls under the wonderful desert sky by listening to the enchanting **Trio Feminale** from Swakopmund, who did us the honour to perform at our establishment. Amazing!!! How very blessed we are, **LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL!!!** Enjoy it whilst reading our latest news from the desert...

Ah, and we are on **Facebook** now!



Your's sincerely,

*Kücki*



## Trio Feminale, Classics under the Desert Sky

Have you ever dreamt about a good glass of wine under all the stars in the universe, at a place where jackals meet zebras and meerkats chase the dogs, somewhere “out-of-this-



world”, where happiness is all you remember, being cradled to peace by the gentle live sound of piano and strings? For some of our lucky guests, a dream came true...

Two months ago, in April, the **Trio Feminale** from Swakopmund, consisting of 3 classical musicians playing from traditional classical music up to musical songs mixed with jazz-blues and folkloristic elements, delighted us with an amazing mixture of smoothness and temperament making our evening an unforgettable one. Thank you!!! A big, big applause to **Christiane Ast, piano and sax, Christa Lambrecht, at the violin, and Susann Kinghorn, at the violoncello**. We hope to welcome you very soon again!!!





# 6th Fly-In at Rostock Ritz - "Fly to Live"

by Heidi Snyman



The Annual Fly-In competition was held for the 6th time on the Rostock Ritz Desert Lodge in June 2010. Under the theme "FLY TO LIVE", it was even bigger than the previous ones, totalling 26 aircrafts, of which 8 aircrafts arrived from South Africa.

One of the highlights was two Fighter Jets of the Czech Make "Let L39" arriving on the lodge on Friday. These eye-catchers were flown by Pilots Allan Fergus & Co-Pilot Terry Redman and Pilots Dave Mandel & Co-Pilot Richard Butt, who did an exceptional job landing these jets on the sand strip in



the middle of the Namib desert. Such a jet uses about 1200 liters of fuel an hour. Aerobatic displays were given by these 2 pilots and their co-pilots with fly-passes of up to 700km/h. These were moments where all pilots stood on the ground with big eyes, longing to be in those plains! – a dream for any pilot! Jacques Jacobs with his Chinese Military trainer CJ6 gave the spectators some more aerobatic displays.

One of this year's participants was amongst others well-known South African pilot Mary de Klerk, who won this year's South African Presidents Air Race. But also well-known Namibian Pilots flying professionally or as a hobby were part




of the competitions and gave spectators a good air show.

The 2010 Fly-IN "Fly to live" winners are: Pilot Thys van der Merwe & Co-Pilot Mary de Klerk flying a Cessna 182. In second place: Pilot Schalk Strauss, flying his Micro-light Hawk and in third place: Pilot Werner Drayer flying a Microlight Tecnam. The Airmanship Award went to Walvis Bay resident Pilot Nadia Braune, who showed best discipline for general flying and radio procedures throughout the weekend, followed in second place by Pilot Thys van der Merwe.



Once again, Kuecki and his team organized this Fly-In weekend to perfection. On behalf of all participants, a big thank you to Kuecki and team. Without sponsors, sports events are impossible and thus a big thank you to West Air Wing and African Group of Companies for their support as well as to all other sponsors. Till next year – Fly safe. Fly to live!

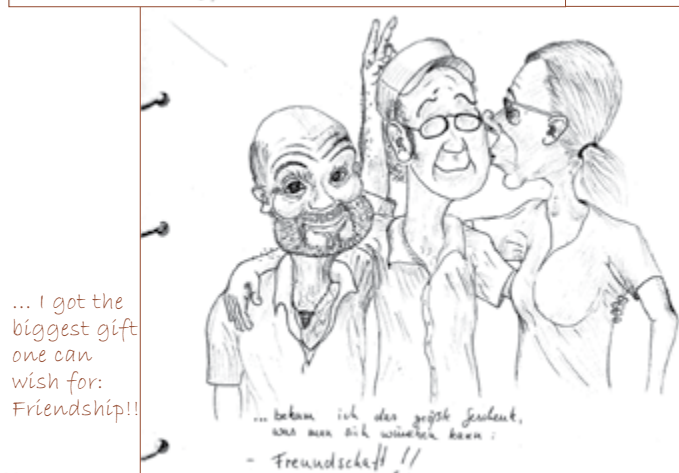
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## Jakob's Adventures at Rostock Ritz (The End)

It was the time of my life... Good Bye... (see translation in **brown**)



And even though modesty was not my biggest strength...



... I got the biggest gift one can wish for: Friendship!!



Aber, alles, auch das Schönste, hat ein Ende.  
(jaja, ich weiss, die Wurst...)

But everything, even the best things, have an end.  
(yes yes, I know, the sausage...)

Editor's note: There is a German proverb which says:  
"Everything has an end, only the sausage has two"



Farewell, thanks a lot!  
- see you next time!

Lebt wohl,  
habt vielen Dank

- und bis zum  
nächsten Mal!

Jakob, we miss you a lot indeed, was a great time with you too!!! We hope to see you again soon!! And, please send us some more comics, they are gorgeous!!!

That was Jacob. Next newsletter we'll have to cope without him, SNIFF...

Our next newsletter is coming when it's coming, maybe in September...  
I'll surprise you ☺.

Stay tuned. And don't forget our **Winter Special** until end of July: all rooms for up to half the price!

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