

My chain breaks! Riders come past, and Paul Bredenkamp helps me fix it, a link from one rider, a hand from Paul, a chain breaker from another, advice, jokes, and laughter. The spirit of brotherhood, camaraderie is fantastic.
 I'm glad I am not racing in the front with Gav, I've fallen back to 30th, Gavin is in the top 5, but I have photos of flower strewn plains and laughed at fate.

Day 7 and the final stage.
 Long and fast 850km to Kimberly with great open spaces of abandoned farm houses, white roads reaching into eternity, a desolate landscape. I catch Gavin and Vincent Crosby, we ride together to the end, sliding through corners, racing at great speeds, the end racing towards us on a rally roadbook and ticking ICO.

Team Zama Zama's results are overall Gavin is 7 th, GG 13 th. In our class over 450 cc Gavin 4 th and GG 9 th. Pretty OK for non pro old ballies on home built rally bikes and a photographer with a riding problem. And as we ride in, our Zama Zama Girlz await us, my wife Sue and Gavin's Mishka. And surprising a completely unsuspecting Johnny and James are their Anabel and Pauline.
 42 of 85 bikes finished. To finish 7 days of intense, technical, fast and competitive riding is nothing short of incredible perseverance, tenacity and loads of talent. Just to finish a stage is an incredible achievement. Well done to those who started and those who finished. I am proud to have shared this with you, Well done to the overall winner Thomas Eich and the other top riders.

There were lots of teething problems which Alexander Nel and his team must fix. This is a homemade event built with great passion by Alex, but which must now become more professional. The roadbook led us astray more than once, something to be fixed. However despite this, the routes, the places, the tracks Alex has found are extraordinary, challenging, beautiful and some of the best off-road motorcycling in Africa. In many ways the event stands at a crossroads.
 Along with the Comrades, the Epic and dare I



The bivouac on Haksteen pan, a word class setup.



Sue, GG, Mishka and Gavin at the finish

say the Dakar, this event is a truly legendary event which defines endurance, skill, fitness and pure madness. I can proudly say Gavin Morton and I are Amageza. We have ridden the road, navigated the tracks, the dusty paths of Africa have torn at our jackets, Acacia thorns tasted our blood, scratched our souls, the red sands

scorched our memory, the jagged black rocks loomed over us. We have sweated and cursed, laughed and gasped, we are now less crazy because we have survived, but the unknown dusty bush tracks call us still... Where next, when, what wild call must we answer... What craziness Amageza!

RESULTS

Position	Bike No	Name	Team	Class	Riding time	Penalties	Total time
1	101	Eich Thomas	Omega Rally Power	Open	30h21m43s	-2h56m8s	29h17m50s
2	8	Crosbie Vincent	Naledi Motors	Restricted	30h35m57s	-1h5m1s	29h40m57s
3	2	Kane-Berman Roger	Subtech	Restricted	32h23m56s	-1h7m25s	31h31m17s
4	9	Hanekom Gerhard	Upington Rally Team	Restricted	32h52m54s	-1h17m53s	32h10m45s
5	132	Miller Greg	Team Unisto	Open	33h16m56s	-1h0m40s	32h17m34s
6	103	van den Heever Koos	Vets For Change	Open	33h30m57s	-2h53m32s	32h24m28s
7	102	Morton Gavin	Zama Zama	Open	34h11m58s	-2h13m54s	32h25m50s
8	116	Jansen van Rensburg Johan	Omega Rally Power	Open	34h29m57s	-1h44m12s	34h14m8s
9	106	Johnstone Andrew	Team 525	Open	35h30m0s	-1h26m56s	34h56m53s
10	153	Turck Riaan	Eddy2Race	Open	35h33m57s	-1h23m29s	34h57m23s
11	1	How Peter	Subtech	Restricted	36h13m57s	-2h59m10s	35h13m4s
12	120	van Lill Johan	Eddy2Race	Open	35h49m58s	-1h28m38s	35h18m32s
13	108	Alcock GG	Zama Zama	Open	36h45m56s	-1h1m19s	35h47m12s
14	20	Du Toit Willem	Upington Rally Team	Restricted	36h59m57s	-1h0m29s	36h0m23s
15	138	Griffin Dave	Omega Rallye	Open	40h11m58s	-2h19m55s	38h31m51s

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