

### Chapter 3 - Saturday 13 May: Seeheim to Solitaire

This part of the trip was mainly just hard and dedicated driving with landscape really becoming more interesting and surprisingly mountainous as we approached the Solitaire region. We had stopped for a few groceries and in Keetmanshoop and also in Maltehohe

On the way up to Maltehohe there was a fairly strong headwind and my consumption went to a scary 4.6km/L.... so much for saving on a lower fuel price! This basically confirmed my theory that the RTT config had a lot to do with the poor consumption figures.

When refuelling at Maltehohe a local arrived towing a trailer with an old Cortina bakkie on the trailer. He had no spare wheel and his trailer had a slow puncture. He said took about 60kms to go flat and the next town was further than that. So, I pulled out my puncture repair kit and plugged the hole for him... he offered to pay but I said it was a freebie and would charge him next time.

The camp site at Solitaire Desert Camp is very nice, but take your own wood as it is fifty bucks for a very small bundle of rather thin (but very hard and effective) dry sticks. I needed two bundles to start a fire and have a decent braai and a bit of after dinner warmth with my cigar and KVV 10yr old.



