

# *Travel tales* By Annalize Mouton



**Avid tourist.** He lives in Carnarvon in the Karoo, but was photographed in his favourite vehicle outside the farmers' co-op at Stanford on his way to the holiday home at Uilenkraalsmond. Pikkeling (loosely translated as "Pecking thing") was hatched by a pigeon and brought into the house by Stephen Hoffman. Initially, in winter, Stephen had to get up at three to replace the fledgling's hotwater bottle. "He brought him into the house, so he had to get up," says wife Lizette, who clearly adores the feathery cockerel. In his eighteen months Pikkeling has visited even Cape Town, and has no problem travelling 220 kilometres in his little box at the feet of his "parents". At night he sleeps on the couple's bedside table, after a snack of crisps.