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A counter meal is available from 7pm.

Visitors are most welcome

Committee Meetings:

Are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of every month commencing at 8pm.

Should Club members wish to attend please contact the President or Secretary to confirm the date and venue.

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The membership financial year is from 1 July to 30 June.

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The Club is an affiliated member of the NSW-ACT 4WD Association Inc and through that organisation has an active relationship with the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Nominated Charity FY 2010

All funds raised by the Sergeant-at-Arms for misdemeanours, real or imagined, will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (NSW Division).

Life Members:

- Kevin Couter
- Steve Hedges
- Brian Mitchell
- Steve Dalli
- Neil Follett



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi everyone

Well we've made it to Winter at last ...does that mean that the rain stops and it just gets cold – I don't think so. It looks like the pervading smell of damp carpets is going to continue for a while.

We are a bit thin on the ground for trips over Winter at the moment, maybe camping in the cold is putting a few people off planning local trips. Let's hope some more hit the boards. If it's Winter then that means "The Snow Trip" should be on your radar.

There seems to be a number of members away in July with at least 12 or more vehicles heading out-back. At least 3 trips I'm aware of and the lucky ones away for 4 weeks! Don't forget to take photos etc, especially of any shots that deserve a fine! Official Club Trip or not, I'd encourage any trip that members have been involved in to be shown at the club meetings. I reckon photos help keep the interest alive when you can't get out there yourself and it's good to share the knowledge (and pay the fines).

Last week I received notice from Gordon H that unfortunately he is resigning from the management committee, for personal reasons. He also tells me that he's sold his red Jimni so is 4WDless at the moment – I'm sure we can all feel for him. I'd like to thank Gordon for his efforts as Membership Registrar and trust we see him back into a 4WD in the not too distant future.

Sooooo..... that means the management committee needs some help from a volunteer member who can handle admin, is computer savvy, articulate and likes taking money off people – sorry..... I mean helping potential new members understand the benefits of joining the AWDC. If anyone is willing to put their hand up to represent the club as Membership Registrar please contact me directly so we can talk it through.

We are now into membership renewal time ladies and gentlemen, with annual fees due by 1 July, not 1 October as some seem to think! All being well, Membership renewal forms should be emailed out this month (I will certainly aid our new volunteer – where are you?).

Oh yes, if you know you're away in July (Outback trippers) please pay up before you go – just so you're a financial member and legitimately wear the terrific AWDC warm outer gear on those cold nights. Steve G is waiting to size you up and lighten your pocket.

Please remember to book in some volunteer time for the Sydney 4WD Adventure Show in August and put your name on the board.

See you soon

Happy 4WDing.....Chris



Editors page



Hello everyone.

Sorry for the late magazine this month, I had a nasty dose of the flu and just didn't feel up to sitting at the computer for hours to put it all together.

There is only one trip this month, Mark Kortink's Baal Bone trip.

It's a bit sad that in a club with as many members as ours it is so hard to get people to lead trips. It is not hard to do, most of you have gone out and explored an area with one or two of your friends. Leading a club trip is no harder than this. You can call it an exploratory trip and limit it to say five vehicles, there is a small amount of paper work to go to the trip coordinator and that is all. Steve and Katy are new members to the club and put on a great trip recently (Heading South). I am sure they enjoyed the experience and had a good time doing it.

A couple of major advantages to leading a trip is there is no dust and no matter how late you arrive at the starting point you don't have to do the any trip reports.

On that note I say see you out there.

*Lee Bradstreet
Editor*



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30th June 2010

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Trip reports articles and photos can be sent to me by email: editor@awdc.com.au
Post : PO box 15 Newport Beach 2106
Or in person at the meetings

Cover photos this month were supplied by:
Mark Kortink

Guest speaker this month is :
Secret

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The club awards points for participating on club events with the winners being announced at the annual general meeting and prizes awarded.

- First prize \$250 to spend at any club sponsor
- Second prize \$150 to spend at any club sponsor
- Third prize \$100 to spend at any club sponsor

SWAGMAN POINTS

Trips	Pts	Magazine reports & articles	PTS
Lead a 2 day trip or longer	50	Trip Reports- Verbal & Written	25
Lead a 1 day trip	40	Trip reports with photos or presentation- (either Verbal or written)	30
Attend a 2 day trip or longer	20	Published magazine articles (non reports)	20
Attend a 1 day trip	10	Published magazine articles with photos	25
Compete in a competition for the AWDC (Any length of time)	20	Published magazine photos - photos only	10
Late for a trip	-10	Assisting the Editor	5
Not confirming a trip	-15		
Failing to attend without notice	-25	No report given within 60 days of trip	-40
Attending monthly Meeting	5	Introduce new member to club	50

Rules of the Swagman Points

Swagman points Start & finish on the 30th September each year.

There must be a min number of 3 vehicles, including trip leader, on a trip before points can be issued.

Trip leader can't receive points for a trip report.

Trip must be open to all members. (no points for a committee trip)

Committee members filling their roles cannot receive points.

10 points per article that your photos are used (not 10 points per photo).

Max of 20 points per magazine for articles used or 30 points with photos.

4WD Events.

Must be representing the AWDC. Competitors & support crew can only receive points. Max points per member will be 20 points.

NO points for spectators unless it is gazetted a AWDC trip. Max 10 points (regardless of the length of the event).

All reports for the current year swagman points must be printed in the magazine already or verbally done before the 30th September.



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Swagman Points as of- 4/05/2010

Member Points

Jennings	Katy	280
Millburn	Stuart	260
Kortink	Mark	255
Cox	Steve	250
Dutfield	Sue	165
Shaw	Ross	150
Wren	Chris	150
Blackwell	Rod	145
Sparks	Jason	130
Bauer	Kevin	125
Morgan	Lori	125
Van Tuinen	James	125
Mitchell	Brian	110
Mann	Bruce	100
Sommerville	Brian	100
Van Der Wagen	Gavin	100
Bradstreet	Lee	95
Richardson	Cameron	85
Zev	Harold	85
Humphrey	Bob	80
King	Ann	75
Muino	Jose	75
Sommerville	Kirsten	75
Rhall	Stephen	70
Reid	Phil	65
Sparks	Meagan	65
Destefanis	Richard	55
Dutfield	Peter	55
Quarty	David	55
Bell	Mike	50
Bell	Dorothy	50
Couter	Kevin	50
Couter	Karen	50
deZwart	Michael	50
Hedges	Stephen	50
Hunter	Simon	50
Hunter	Penny	50
Hurwitz	Mike	50
King	Jason	50
Cutting	Graeme	45
Halnan	Gordon	45
King	Michael	45
Parkes	Graham	45
Paull	Brad	45
Walker	Michael	45
Wallis	Gary	40
Bryant	Stan	35
Crabb	Malcolm	35
Hoffmann	Vladimir	35
Bullard	Peter	30
Bullard	Lillian	30
Follett	Neil	30

Gillespie	Steve	30
Vituseck	Werner	30
Walker	Chris	28
Barnes	Roslyn	25
Millburn	Michael	25
Peddell	Jason	25
Vituseck	Belinda	25
Vukovic	Adrienne	25
Zvolanek	Mark	25
Van Der Wagen	Geoff	25
Dowden	Martin	25
Allsopp	Colin	20
Barnes	John	20
Cesco	Michael	20
Crocker	Stephen	20
Davidson	Tom	20
Hedges	Kylie	20
Lee	Andrew	20
Mitchell	Aaron	20
O'Connor	Timothy	20
O'Connor	Tristan	20
Phibbs	John	20
Richardson	Belinda	20
Wallis	Christine	20
Monk	Adrian	20
Hunter	Mike	20
Hickie	Peter	20
Humphrey	Maureen	15
Mitchell	Ben	15
O'Reilly	Lola	15
Panetta	Michael	15
Rogers	Barbara	15
Torney	Sandra	15
Irvine	Scott	10
King	Shane	10
Lee	Greg	10
Milton	Richard	10
O'Keefe	John	10
Schenk	Neil	10
Vitagliani	John	10
Alexander	Dale	5
Briscoe	Andrew	5
Cavanagh	Margaret	5
Dalli	Steve	5
Jackson	Paul	5
Mitchell	Susan	5
Parkes	Cameron	5
Penman	Ross	5
Saxon	Jonathan	5
Todd	Anne	5
Vitagliani	Yvonne	5
Vitagliani	John	5



Web Links



AWDC Web page:	http://www.awdc.com.au/
4WD NSW—ACT Association:	http://www.4wdnsw-act.asn.au
Australian National 4WD council:	http://www.anfwdc.asn.au/
National Parks:	http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nationalparks/
Forests NSW:	http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests
Weather forecast:	http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml
VKS 737 Radio network:	http://www.vks737.on.net/
Explore OZ:	http://www.exploroz.com/Default.aspx
Australian 4WD Action:	http://www.4wdaction.com.au/
4WD Monthly:	http://www.4wdmonthly.com.au/
Repairs & modifications:	DIY Toyota
Outer Limits 4X4:	http://www.outerlimits4x4.com/
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Tuff Truck:	http://www.tufftruck.com.au/
4WD Movies:	http://www.4x4movies.com/

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Members choice

Name	Kevin and Karen Couter
Age	Between 40 and death
Occupation	Yes, fully occupied
Vehicle	Volkswagen
Colour	Blue
Model	Touareg
Engine	5litre turbo diesel
Transmission	6 speed automatic
Tyres	Very wide very low profile on 21" alloy rims But for offroad a not so low profile set on 20" alloy rims
Modifications	3 rd battery Alloy underbody protection plate UHF radio
Suspension	Standard air bag adjustable
Internal accessories	'Phone charger
External accessories	Tow bar Roof rack from time to time
Favourite bits	Magic suspension, seat heaters, huuuuge torque, bloody tricky clever gearbox and transmission
Next vehicle	Crikey, we might have this one well into retirement so it's too soon to tell...
Previous vehicles	80 series x 2, V8 powered hiluxes x 2, 2A Land Rovers x 2, Fiat 124, Fiat 125, Toyota Corona, VW beetle, 1954 Vauxhall six...
Favourite club trips	Wirraba Ridge, Bendethera, Victorian High Country, Stockton, Trophies
Future modifications	Dunno...probably not too much





Driver Training

All new members **MUST** complete our Club's 4WD Theory and Practical Training to satisfy Club Bylaws and Insurance Policy. 4WD Training consists of a theory night and practical weekend in the bush. It will be held approximately every **6-8 weeks** or as required. Theory must be completed before practical. If you have dual membership, then your partner must do their practical training on another weekend **or in another vehicle**.

There will **usually** be a maximum of eight and a minimum of four vehicles at each practical training session. The theory will **usually** be held on a Tuesday night, shortly before the practical weekend. Four Wheel Driving is a family past time, so bring your partner to the theory night (but no children please). All are welcome on the practical weekend.

PLEASE NOTE: Both theory and practical 4WD training **MUST** be completed *BEFORE* you can take part in any 4WD activity, such as trips, Trophies, etc. For the practical weekend, each vehicle should have a snatch strap, rated shackle, (both available from our sponsors) **Your vehicle must have front and rear suitably rated tow/recovery points**, jack, wheel brace and a full tank of fuel. All vehicles must be roadworthy, in good mechanical condition and the driver must hold a **current driver's license valid in Australia**.

Communication between vehicles during the weekend is via UHF Radio. A car mounted radio is preferable but a hand held radio would be adequate for short range communication during the weekend.

TRIP DETAILS

Driver Training – Theory Night

Please contact the Driver Training Officer to confirm your attendance at least **7 days** prior to the theory night. This starts at 7.00 pm sharp! and finishes around 11.00 pm. Please try to arrive by 6.45 pm and bring a pen and pad for notes.

Driver Training – Practical Weekend

Members will be introduced to practical four wheel driving, including convoy procedure, safety, recovery, hill climbs, side slopes, mud, sand and river crossings, rock steps and protection of the environment, under the guidance of the 4WD Training Officer and his assistant. On the Saturday night we will camp in the bush and you will be introduced to the social graces of four wheel driving.

Note:

Although the Training Officer will provide guidance throughout the weekend, it is up to the participant to accept responsibility for their vehicle and its' occupants as there will be some B grade rock steps, steep and rutted hills, and the possibility of a deep mud hole and deep river crossing.

NB - If in doubt about front and rear recovery points please call in to check with one of the club sponsors; before undertaking driver training.

This years Dates:

27th, 31st July & 1st August, 2010.

14th, 18th & 19th September, 2010.

As always these are dependent on numbers.

Any questions; contact Phil Reid at drivertraining@awdc.com.au



2010 AWDC Trophy - Sat & Sun Oct 23rd & 24th

Keep that weekend free for the Club's premier event of the year.

Well you were introduced to the trophy last month so time for some sample activities. This month we're introducing Funny Fotos. The basic idea is to reproduce the photo the best you can. First challenge is to find the location where the original photo was taken. Then add anything that's not already there, eg vehicle, people, props (cans, milk cartons, newspaper). An eye for detail will also help, for example are any doors open, lights on or windows down?

Compose the shot and snap you have a few points in the bag. Have a close look at the photo below. Did you notice, doors open, driver's window down, headlights on, person in doorway, wheels turned slightly to the right? Get the idea? Attention to detail wins the points!



See you on the 23rd
Brian & Kirsten



TRIP CALENDAR

Baal Bone Gap

Start Date Saturday, 19 June 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 20 June 2010
Grade C with B options
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Mark Kortink **Trip Leaders Number:**

Description This is an exploratory trip, exploring the tracks and area covered by the Newnes and Baal Bone Gap trips in the "4WD Trips Close to Sydney" book. We will do the tracks in the book and as many side tracks as practical. Because the trip is exploratory, some tracks may be difficult.

Innamincka & surrounds

Start Date Friday, 2 July 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 11 July 2010
Grade C&E
Max Vehicles 5
Trip Leader Stuart Milburn **Trip Leaders Number:**

Description For Information of Members Only. To Book, you must book through Stuart on 0411 439 637. Travel via Currawinya NP, Innamincka & surrounds, Cameron Corner, Tibooburra, Broken Hill. We will be travelling in remote areas, so you will need to take plenty of fuel & water. Min All Terrain tyres. Any other questions please contact Stuart- 0411 439 637

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Y e t h o l m e t o C a p e r t e e

Start Date Saturday, 24 July 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 25 July 2010
Grade C
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Lee Bradstreet **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description This trip will be in the Sunny Corner State Forest, staying in the Cappertee Pub on Saturday night.
Description

C h r i s t m a s i n J u l y

Start Date Saturday, 31 July 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 1 August 2010
Grade Fun
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader Bob Humphrey **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description This is a fun event at Nevil near Blaney. Come & join in the fun & frivolity that is Xmas in July.
Description You will need to book in early to secure good accommodation. Please contact the trip coordinator or Bob Humphrey asap.

D r i v e r T r a i n i n g

Start Date Saturday, 31 July 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 1 August 2010
Grade L
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Phil Reid **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description Open for those who need initial driver training or those who would like a refresher. Tuesday night prior to the training weekend will be a theory night at Phil's place. Please speak to Phil or the committee for details.
Description

4W D A d v e n t u r e S h o w - H e l p e r s

Start Date Friday, 27 August 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 29 August 2010
Grade Exploratory
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description The show is at Eastern Creek. A show for all your outdoor & adventure needs- 4wd vehicles, camper trailers, camping gear, after market accessories, performance enhancements, tents, driver training, trip preparations to name a few.
Description

S n o w T r i p

Start Date Friday, 3 September 2010 **Finish Date** Monday, 6 September 2010
Grade
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Steve Dalli **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description Dates- TBC closer to the event

D r i v e r T r a i n i n g C o u r s e

Start Date Saturday, 18 September 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 19 September 2010
Grade L
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Phil Reid **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description Open for those who need initial driver training or those who would like a refresher. Tuesday night prior to the training weekend will be a theory night at Phil's place. Please speak to Phil or the committee for details.
Description



Willowglen Challenge

Start Date Friday, 1 October 2010 **Finish Date** Monday, 4 October 2010
Grade A Grade Competition
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Cameron Richardson **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description This is a competition run by the Toyota Land Cruiser Club. This is for those who like an A grade challenge & fun. The location is at Willowglen near Goulburn in the southern highlands. For those

of you who would like to participate in the spectator sport, you will be more than welcome to come and watch the thrills & spills of the challenge. If you would like to compete, speak to Cameron or Aaron Mitchell.

Trophy- Competitors

Start Date Saturday, 23 October 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 24 October 2010
Grade C
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader Brian Sommerville **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description This is weekend of FUN. The Trophy is aimed at the novice driver with little driving skills, although it is open to the whole club. You can compete with a standard, unmodified vehicle. We

will be camping on the Saturday night. You will be navigating from the start point to the camp site. Its not hard. If have little or no skills at navigating, please talk to us & we will help out. We will need a min of 15 cars to run the trophy.

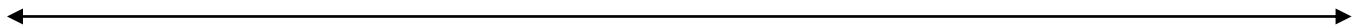
The Trophy- Helpers

Start Date Saturday, 23 October 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 24 October 2010
Grade Helpers
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader Brian Sommerville **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description If you would like to help run an event on the weekend, have some ideas you can put forward, even if you can't make the weekend, your help leading up to the weekend would greatly

appreciated. Need any info, speak to Brian or any of the committee.

AWDC Christmas Party

Start Date Saturday, 27 November 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 28 November 2010
Grade
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Bob Humphrey & Sue **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description TBA



TRIPLEADERS WHERE ARE YOU???

We are well into the year & there's not many trips on the board. The trip calendar started off well, but now we are in a bit of drought at the moment.

If any member has thought of running a trip, but is not sure how to go about it, speak to me or one of the committee & we will help you out.

We would like to see some of the older members run a trip or two, may be to one of their favourite locations. See you out there on the tracks.

Bruce Mann
 Trip Co-ordinator.



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AWDC MYALL LAKES GOURMET WEEKEND

Trip Leader	Sue Dutfield	solo	Because PP was golfing
	Brian & Kirsten Sommerville		
	Brian Mitchell		
	Kevin & Karen Couter	Ancient reporter(s)	
	Bruce Mann & Lori Morgan		
	Rod Blackwell & Carol		
	Steve Rhall		
	Kevin Bauer & Toni		
	Graham Parkes & Margaret		
	Mike & Dot Bell		
	Malcom Crabb & Maija		
	Simon & Penny Hunter	Jerramy & Rebecca	
	Steve Cox & Katy Jennings		
	Jason & Megan Sparkes	KyeJames Van Tuinen & Prisca	Brandon



I'm old and forgetful so don't remember names. My apologies for a) taking so long and b) if I have any names incorrect or absent.

I did however stay up late – late enough to cause a fog to descend over the remnants of my memory. So I will also apologise for the brevity of the report – or if you prefer: see no evil, speak no evil.

We were late because we stayed with Karen's parents Bill and Paula at Tea Gardens Friday night and used their kitchen to prepare tucker Saturday morning.

The theme being "masked" our menu featured masked/wrapped/hidden items...and one of those was rice paper rolls. As it happened Karen and I had attended a tour of "Vietnam in Cabramatta" run by Maeve O'Meara (you might have seen her on TV) which was excellent value (you really should give one of her tours a go) plus we learned about these rice paper roll thingies. Perfect timing.

So we part-cooked our dinner, and wrapped prawns, pickled ginger, mint, chilli in rice paper in the comfort and convenience of Paula's kitchen. And we did the last minute grocery shopping in IGA tea Gardens where we bumped into James looking for painkillers...

So we turned up late to camp. And cold beers.

We were accused of speeding up the freeway on Friday night because we happened to overtake another AWDC vehicle or two – personally I believe loiterers should be fined J

Speaking of fines: some AWDC members who turned up on Friday night were unable to find each other in the confines of a campground and as a result we had AWDC camps spread all over **the place. You wouldn't reckon it would be that difficult would you?**

The weather was beaut again, similar to the previous year – thanks to our illustrious organiser Sue for that – and so we got to swim in the Myall river again. With beers.

So after a cooling swim (and beers) there was a move to set up secret themed tables and pre-



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pare for dinner...but you wouldn't want to know – every one was Arabian Nights theme – except for the Team Ninja, complete with the teenage mutant ninja turtles and a pizza oven for the requisite pizzas. And beers. As the night progressed and relaxants took hold, there was a good deal of tasting shared between tables. And beers. Popular late night pastimes included belly dancing led by Dot Bell...my memory

becomes a bit vague after this....but there were probably beers involved.

Just for something different: on Sunday morning I could recall getting to bed which was an improvement on the previous year. On the other hand I can usually rely on Karen to kick up the heels but on this particular night a huge headache was a problem causing early retirement. Sunday morning was a bit slow for some. Some had swims, most relaxed in comfy chairs and chatted.

Cooked breakfast was of course the way to start the day; Bill and Paula came out to visit and check we were still alive and to have breakfast with us.

The main award was given to the Ninjas for thinking further outside the circle than the rest of us.



Departures from camp on Sunday were intermittent depending on distance to travel, dryness of mouth, things to see, people to do...

Let's do it again next year!! A great fun weekend. Thanks to all for the fun and great company! And thanks Sue (and Peter – even though he didn't attend, he did help with organising) for leading the trip.



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DRIVER TRAINING 10 – 11 APRIL (Part 2)

First blood to the course. Adrian limped away – the German part of an otherwise fine example of British engineering prowess having let him and us down.

After a few minutes we were underway again. But sadly not for long. Dixie the ditch was doing a good job of blindly following Phil down a short but steep hill but didn't see foxy Phil do a nimble side step and was drawn like a magnet into a hole the size of a Lithgow mine shaft. All Dixie could say was 'I should have looked – I'm sorry Mr Reid'. We were sorry too because we spent the next 20 minutes carrying rocks to fill in the mine shaft.



Finally we got underway again. Mud laughed Phil (at this point I thought he sounded a little mad – confirming earlier fears – it was just something about the tone of his voice and the quiet cackles that went on for a while afterwards. I not sure about the others but shivers went down my spine).

Phil went straight down a muddy boggy rutted water filled track – even though there was clearly a smarter clean path off to the side. Wanting to keep the prado clean I tried to steer off but was firmly ordered to be a lemming a follow Filthy Phil. Which I reluctantly I did achieving Phil's perverse objective of messing up my car. Dixie (having already proved himself to be a veteran lemming) followed me and achieved the same inglorious outcome.

Next up was the creek crossing training. Phil tried to redeem himself by suggesting that we drive along a



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rather pretty creek bed – clean the cars he said. At this stage I had figured out that he was quite mad and so didn't trust a word he said. But as it turned out there were no drama's to report except that Mikes boys decided to go swimming with all their clothes on.

Back to being lemmings – Phil set off at a cracking pace and disappeared down a goat track. An insane cackle came over the radio – follow me lemmings!

Which we did. Just like lemmings. Phil took us down a hill descent that our cars ground , scratched and bounced down. All right for you with your 3 inch lift we thought (but were too afraid to say). My partner Vanessa closed her eyes after muttering I don't like this. We crawled down and after a hair raising 10 minutes got to the bottom only to be told back up we go.

Mike had by now come under Phil's spell and started grinning like a Cheshire cat – despite the fact that his Nissan PathFinder had as much ground clearance as a pregnant caterpillar. Mike had consistently surprised during the weekend taking the pathy to places it should not have gone. Sure enough fifteen minutes later Mike was at the top of the hill grinning and wanting more.

More came in the form of a B / A grade hill climb that quite frankly looked ridiculous. Mad Mike said he would have a crack at it but having tried to walk up the rock face was able to tap in to what little sanity remained and decided not to try. We were about to move on when Dixie started rubbing his hands with glee. Just heard Phil's air lockers go on he grinned. Sure enough we heard Phil cackle over the radio, followed by the roar of his engine as he floored it and screamed up the cliff face. Phil's showboating said Dixie. Which of course he was – it was pretty impressive.



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And that was the end of the day. Back to Lithgow to 'air up' and the end of a tiring but thoroughly enjoyable 'educational' weekend.



Heading South Trip

People & Vehicles:-

Steve Cox & Katy Jennings (Leaders) – Nissan Navara
Stuart Milburn – Nissan Patrol
Ross & Sally Shaw – Toyota Prado
Jason Sparks – Mitsubishi Pajero
Mark Kortink (Author) – Mitsubishi Pajero
Neil Follett – Toyota 80 Series
Rod Blackwell – Toyota Prado
Phil Reid – Toyota Landcruiser
Brian Mitchell – Toyota 80 Series
Jose Muino & James – Hummer H3
Graeme Cutting – Toyota Prado

Trip

This was the first trip in a long time into the bush behind Nowra and Ulladulla for the AWDC, and it certainly opened up a whole new area for future trips. What a spectacular area, all participants thank Steve and Katie for their preparations setting this trip up.



We progressively accumulated at Steve's mums place just off the Turpentine way. Some went down on Friday (Steve & Katie, Jason, Ross & Sally, Neil, Rod, Phil and Graeme) and others drifted in on Saturday morning, all aiming for a 9am start. Those who arrived on Friday camped on Steve's mum's lawn, except Steve and Katie who slept under fluffy sheets inside the house. Steve's mum supplied scones and other country comforts, and is now a legend.

The driving started on some tracks behind the farm, then followed the powerlines onto the Braidwood Rd.

We then turned left into the beautiful Cassia Rd involving a rocky descent through beautiful bush with twisted trees and palms. We then took Gnatilla Ck and Maddens Rds to our morning tea spot and a challenge.

Running up the side of the hill from where we stopped was a steep rocky hill sealed off at both ends by large mounds. Stuart, Neil, Phil and myself decided to have a go and two of us who will remain nameless promptly got stuck on the second mound see-saw style. With a bit of perseverance and rocking we eventually all got over the humps and up the hill.

After morning tea we did Wandean, Hawthorne, Spotted Gum, Messmate, 12 Mile and Tin Mine Rds, they were all beautiful with some interesting driving terrain to keep everyone on their toes.

Just before lunch we stopped to have a look at an amazing granite canyon. This area used to be mined for tin. From there we went to the George Boyd Lookout where we had lunch. From the lookout you could see the coast from near Wollongong down to Ulladulla.



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After lunch we headed off for Steve's secret beach, whose name cannot be spoken. We drove along Whale Bone Rd, so named we speculated because of its shape on the map, Galgaroo Rd, probably named after a mysterious kangaroo like creature, and Blackbutt Rd named after, well you can use your own imagination. We then arrived magically at Steve's secret beach, which you will not be able to find by deciphering this paragraph.





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Steve's secret beach was better than anyone imagined. A great camping area looking over a large beach that we had all to ourselves. While we set up camp Steve and Jason went for a surf. We had collected firewood on the way in so we got a rollicking fire going, and everyone settled in for the night. About 8pm it started raining so the umbrellas came out, and everyone just continued to enjoy themselves. Graeme's umbrella was both colourful and effective, and everyone secretly wished they had one like his.



Next morning while packing Stuart horsed around with Phil's camera, which Phil had left out overnight. Phil now has a fine collection of non-toyota 4x4 insignia and crotch shots to remember the trip by.

We decided to go get pies, coffee and other treats in Milton. This is how 4x4 should be. Leaving Milton we formed an impressive convoy along the Princess Highway.





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We turned of at Porters Creek Rd, past these amazing rock outcrops that overhang the road and on to the Tianjara Fire Trail. We pulled up at these large flat rocks that we parked on top of for morning tea. They had very deep narrow canyons carved into them, you could jump over them, but if you fell down one you wouldn't come back out. Unfortunately the Tianjara Fire Trail gate was closed so we looped back around Calgaroo, Whale Bone and Deodar Rd, passing the George Boyd Lookout again on the way.



On Deodar Rd there was a muddy climb out of a creek that provided some entertainment, but we all made it through in the end. We then went along 12 Mile Trail and intersected back onto the Tianjara Fire Trail, back on track. Along the way I splashed the Pajero around in a duck pond.

After pleasant driving across a high rocky plateau we went down Blackwood Trail and parked at the top of a steep B/A grade section of track. We all went down and inspected the challenge, then had lunch and attempted to psych each other and ourselves into driving the scary, steep, rocky track. In the end Phil, Neil and Jose decided to have a go, luckily they also had the most seriously 4x4 vehicles as well. They made it look easy! Neil rightly pointed out it always looks easy so long as nothing goes wrong.

After lunch we headed along Deans Gap Rd and the Braidwood Rd to start the last leg of the trip. This leg consisted of Mint Bush Rd, Wombat Flats Tk and Monkey Gap Tk, and was fantastic. Essentially we dropped into a valley at one end, drove up the valley, then climbed out the other end. The bush was great and the track reasonably challenging, perhaps C+ in places.

There were a number of events on this leg. Jose's side airbags went off for no apparent reason, and he had to cut them out to proceed. Jason, Graeme and Rod all had a few challenges climbing out up Monkey Gap Tk, with Jason needing a snatch.

Once we got back to the Braidwood Rd, everyone thanked Steve and Katie for an absolutely fantastic weekend. Some of us headed back to Sydney and others went back to Steve's Mum's place for another batch of her famous scones.





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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUB OF SYDNEY INC Wednesday, 12 May 2010

MEETING OPEN

8:04pm at "The Cove Sports Club" Eastern Valley Way East Chatswood.

CHAIR

President, Chris Wren

MINUTES

Secretary, Bob Humphrey

ATTENDANCE BOOK

Attendance book was circulated

APOLOGIES

Gordon Halnan, David & Liz Quartly, Harold Zev, Cameron Richardson, Steve Dali, Brad Paull, Simon Hunter, Aaron & Ben Mitchell, Werner Vituseck, Michael Millburn

VISITORS

Clinton (who members met at the Association Driver Training recently) drives a Navara

Peter Dickson, recently migrated to eastern Australia from Western Australia, drives a 100 series

Shane Davison, previously a club member, drives a 100 series

Greg Redfern, guest speaker

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed by Secretary and seconded by Stuart Millburn

That the minutes of the meeting held 10 March 2010, as circulated in the Club's April magazine be accepted as a true and correct record, with the addition of a comment re the upcoming South Coast trip being organized by Steve Cox

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – *Chris Wren*

Report as per magazine, plus

Request for volunteers for the Association show coming up in August

Mention of Brian Sommerville doing a diff – not a CV joint, as was first thought - on the Association Driver Assessment weekend

Deposit made of \$20k with St George at 6%. Matures prior to the AGM so that incoming committee is free to deal with the amount as they might see fit

Club has taken a small storage unit at Kennards, Mona Vale, for the purpose of gathering and storing archives. Secretary is managing process all old records to him please

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – *Aaron Mitchell*

Aaron absent sick.

GUEST SPEAKER

– Greg Redfern – ex Association President now heading up committee to organise 4WD Adventure Show

Greg provided a full multimedia presentation on the upcoming show, detailing;



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Site layout

Budget overview

Sponsors

Relationship with Eastern Creek Dragway

Ongoing intentions

Management, etc

Greg answered a wide range of questions from the floor

Secretary presented Greg with a club cap to go with his previously earned coffee mug

SECRETARY'S REPORT – *Bob Humphrey*

Reinforced ability to collect archival material

TLCC Swap Meet, 30th May

Old Variety Club bash 6 – 15 November

TREASURER'S REPORT – *Sue Dutfield*

Report as per magazine

Sue sought approval to pay upcoming insurance bills as they are over the committee's authorization levels.

Proposed by Treasurer and seconded by Bruce Mann

That the Treasurer be authorised to pay all upcoming insurance accounts

Carried

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT – *Gordon Hanlon*

Absent – report as per magazine

EDITOR'S REPORT – *Lee Bradstreet*

Some trip reports are overdue, please get them in

Other club magazines are available for reading at the meeting, come & grab them if you are interested

Need more articles and photos for the mag please assist

President intervened to advise meeting that Lee is retiring & relocating to King Lake, in Victoria, so Editor's position will become vacant at the next AGM. Please give the position some thought & discuss with President if you are interested

We will need to document Lee's trips before he goes so the legacy may continue.

DRIVER TRAINER'S REPORT – *Phil Reid*

Association Driver Training Assessment Certificates were presented to Chris Wren, Brian Sommerville & Bob Humphrey

Upcoming Driver Training scheduled for 22 May. May not happen – only 1 participant so far

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT – *Bruce Mann*

Upcoming trips introduced by Trip Leaders were:

Dog Day Out – Lee Bradstreet

Balbone Gap/Newnes/Turon - 19-20 June – Mark Kortink - essentially exploratory

Yetholme to Capertee - 24-25 July – Lee Bradstreet

South Coast to Steve's Mum's scones - 22-23 May – Steve Cox

Xmas in July – Neville Siding – 31 July – 1 August – Bob Humphrey/Sue Dutfield

Trophy, TL Brian Sommerville, will be held 23 – 24 October.

May have a night event



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Recce will be done late June

Volunteers to assist please see Brian

No experience necessary – intended to be a fun weekend

Minimum 15 vehicles required

Snow Trip will be in Sept/Oct. Steve Dali will again be trip leader

Trip Report – Buladelah – Jason Sparkes (with assistance from James Van Tuinen)

Extremely wet & muddy on the Saturday

Clearer on Sunday

James drowned his vehicle in a bog hole

4WD NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION NEWS – *Brian Sommerville*

Meeting next weekend, will report at next club meeting

PURCHASING OFFICER'S REPORT – *Steve Gillespie*

Full range of mens & womens sizes in stock

VIDEO OFFICER'S REPORT – *Chris Walker*

Chris discussed the availability of DVD's and video tapes from the club's extensive library

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – *Richard Destefanis*

Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS

Off Roaders (via President in reply to question from floor as to progress)

No progress to report, committee targeting this committee year for implementation

Issues associated with which vehicles, driver training etc

Basic requirement/issue is rated recovery points & impact on chassis types

No Association Insurance impacts (Greg Redfern)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – *Brad Paull*

Steve & Jason stood in for Brad

Next month's dress is beanie & club badge

RAFFLE

Prize: \$50 Super Cheap Auto voucher

Won by: **Lola O'Reilly** again (although she protested that last month she was only holding Colin's ticket)

DRIVER of the MONTH AWARD

Won by: B2 (Brian Sommerville)

Why: for once again demonstrating the inadequacies of Toykota diffs

MEETING CLOSED

At 9:50pm

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 9 June 2010 @ 8.00pm

Bob Humphrey

Secretary



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**Profit &
Loss [With
Last Year]**

**July 2009 through
May 2010**

	This Year	% of Sales	Last Year	LY % of Sales
Income				
Membership	\$13,118.40	60.30%	\$15,007.00	83.30%
Advertising	\$5,822.05	26.80%	\$605.00	3.40%
Sales	\$1,376.00	6.30%	\$699.00	3.90%
Raffles	\$807.50	3.70%	\$974.30	5.40%
Donations	\$628.80	2.90%	\$407.85	2.30%
Interest Received	\$2.23	0.00%	\$314.11	1.70%
Total Income	\$21,754.98	100.00%	\$18,007.26	100.00%
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Sales	\$1,065.00	4.90%	\$510.00	2.80%
Total Cost of Sales	\$1,065.00	4.90%	\$510.00	2.80%
Gross Profit	\$20,689.98	95.10%	\$17,497.26	97.20%
Expenses				
AGM Catering	\$300.00	1.40%	\$300.00	1.70%
Association Fees	\$1,999.50	9.20%	\$2,211.00	12.30%
Bank Fees	\$4.20	0.00%	\$4.20	0.00%
Club Activities	\$605.04	2.80%	\$2,609.54	14.50%
Credit Card Fees	\$832.12	3.80%	\$731.53	4.10%
Driver Training Expenses	\$1,876.82	8.60%	\$1,169.59	6.50%
Filing Fees	\$47.00	0.20%	\$45.00	0.20%
Insurance	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$30.00)	-0.20%
Internet	\$149.95	0.70%	\$330.00	1.80%
Magazine Expenses	\$778.92	3.60%	\$5,729.26	31.80%
Postage & Stationary	\$173.00	0.80%	\$239.75	1.30%
Raffle - AGM	\$1,205.88	5.50%	\$740.00	4.10%
Rent - Meeting	\$340.00	1.60%	\$0.00	0.00%
Trailer, Tools & Equipment	\$0.00	0.00%	\$418.80	2.30%
Total Expenses	\$8,312.43	38.20%	\$14,498.67	80.50%
Operating Profit	\$12,377.55	56.90%	\$2,998.59	16.70%
Other Income				
Other Expenses				
Net Profit / (Loss)	\$12,377.55	56.90%	\$2,998.59	16.70%



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