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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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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 I trust you all had a good month - I certainly enjoyed my fishing trip from the Gold Coast – I didn't catch many fish but we eat and drank well and there were plenty of ripping yarns late at night. A bit like a 4WD trip really – except the tracks were wetter!

As I missed the last meeting I'm looking forward to hearing from those who went down to the Vic High Country over Easter (seems so long ago). Many thanks to Aaron for chairing the April meeting, I've had positive feedback which was great to hear, it's a shame the numbers weren't higher.

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while we'd love to see you, so please make the effort on Wednesday 12th May – our Guest Speaker will be Greg Redfern. Greg is the past President of the NSW & ACT 4WD Association and is chairing the Coordinating Committee of the Sydney 4WD Adventure Show which I mentioned in last month's magazine. If you'd like to be part of the show, volunteers are needed, so come and find out more.

Over this last weekend, Bob Humphrey, Brian Somerville and myself attended a basic 4WD assessment (VETAB certificate) with 9 others 4WD'ers from various clubs, run by the Driver Training Unit of the Association. My overall reflection from the weekend is how excellent the AWDC Driver Training is in covering this competency unit. Bruce Mann came along with Bob as passenger for a weekend out and to ensure fair play between Nissan and Toyotas. I did enjoy the night drive on Saturday however we weren't allowed to play in the quarry that night and had to wait until Sunday when we were allowed 15 minutes (not technically part of the assessment). Brian managed to turn 15 minutes into 45 minutes by breaking a CV. Brian passed the competency test for removing the suitable "bits" to become a 2 wheel drive for the rest of the trip. Which reminds me, I need to remember to put the circlip pliers in my toolkit – they're not much use left at home!

Oh yes – much to the amazement of some of you I'm sure – we were told that we're not incompetent after all.

A couple of matters were decided upon at the April Management Committee meeting that I want to bring to your attention:

Firstly we approved placing approximately 66% of our cash funds into a 4 month Bank Term Deposit at 5.1%. We believe we have sufficient liquid funds in the interim period and the club will benefit from the extra interest paid.

Secondly, we approved the retention of a lockable storage area at Kennards in Warriewood, to accumulate and store club archival material. If you have club material, old records, boxes of club belongings etc. (who's got the CB radios?) please contact Bob Humphrey to arrange for us to get this under lock and key. As I have previously expressed to the Committee, I believe it is incumbent on our club committee to preserve the history of the club for future members. Overtime we will attempt to convert paper records to megabytes where we can. Please help and dig out any club stuff you may have.

See you soon

Happy 4WDing.....Chris



Editors page



Hello everyone.

The trip calendar is looking better than last month. Its good to see some new people putting on trips, keep it up.

Next weekend I have put my name down to lead a dog friendly trip, so far there are no names listed. You can see me at the meeting if you have any questions about this trip. The idea is a day trip to the Rydal area (where the second day of driver training is held). This is all state forest so the dogs can have a good time legally. Of course you don't have to have a dog to attend.

Set aside the weekend of the 23—24th October for the trophy. It is a great tradition in the club and we need more people to attend as it takes a huge effort to organise. It is great fun and is a bit of a challenge also. It is suitable for all club members no matter how experienced you are.

See you on the track,

Lee Bradstreet



Next magazine closing date :
29th May2010

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Post : PO box 15 Newport Beach 2106
Or in person at the meetings

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Greg Redfern

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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- 8/05/2010

| Member | | Points | Member | | Points |
|---------------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Millburn | Stuart | 235 | Barnes | Roslyn | 25 |
| Kortink | Mark | 230 | Gillespie | Steve | 25 |
| Jennings | Katy | 225 | Millburn | Michael | 25 |
| Cox | Steve | 195 | Peddell | Jason | 25 |
| Dutfield | Sue | 160 | Vituseck | Belinda | 25 |
| Wren | Chris | 145 | Vukovic | Adrienne | 25 |
| Shaw | Ross | 125 | Zvolanek | Mark | 25 |
| Bauer | Kevin | 120 | Van Der Wagen | Geoff | 25 |
| Blackwell | Rod | 120 | Dowden | Martin | 25 |
| Morgan | Lori | 120 | Walker | Chris | 23 |
| Van Tuinen | James | 120 | Allsopp | Colin | 20 |
| Sparks | Jason | 105 | Barnes | John | 20 |
| Van Der Wagen | Gavin | 100 | Cesco | Michael | 20 |
| Mann | Bruce | 95 | Crocker | Stephen | 20 |
| Sommerville | Brian | 95 | Cutting | Graeme | 20 |
| Bradstreet | Lee | 90 | Hedges | Kylie | 20 |
| Mitchell | Brian | 85 | Mitchell | Aaron | 20 |
| Richardson | Cameron | 85 | O'Connor | Timothy | 20 |
| Zev | Harold | 85 | O'Connor | Tristan | 20 |
| Humphrey | Bob | 75 | Richardson | Belinda | 20 |
| King | Ann | 70 | Wallis | Christine | 20 |
| Rhall | Stephen | 70 | Monk | Adrian | 20 |
| Sommerville | Kirsten | 70 | Hunter | Mike | 20 |
| Sparks | Meagan | 65 | Hickie | Peter | 20 |
| Dutfield | Peter | 55 | Lee | Andrew | 20 |
| Quarty | David | 55 | Davidson | Tom | 15 |
| Bell | Mike | 50 | Mitchell | Ben | 15 |
| Bell | Dorothy | 50 | Phibbs | John | 15 |
| Couter | Kevin | 50 | Torney | Sandra | 15 |
| Couter | Karen | 50 | Humphrey | Maureen | 10 |
| Destefanis | Richard | 50 | Irvine | Scott | 10 |
| deZwart | Michael | 50 | Milton | Richard | 10 |
| Hedges | Stephen | 50 | O'Keefe | John | 10 |
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| Hurwitz | Mike | 50 | Rogers | Barbara | 10 |
| Muino | Jose | 50 | Alexander | Dale | 5 |
| Halnan | Gordon | 45 | Briscoe | Andrew | 5 |
| King | Jason | 45 | Cavanagh | Margaret | 5 |
| King | Michael | 45 | Dalli | Steve | 5 |
| Paull | Brad | 45 | Follett | Neil | 5 |
| Parkes | Graham | 40 | Jackson | Paul | 5 |
| Reid | Phil | 40 | King | Shane | 5 |
| Walker | Michael | 40 | Lee | Greg | 5 |
| Wallis | Gary | 40 | Mitchell | Susan | 5 |
| Crabb | Malcolm | 35 | Parkes | Cameron | 5 |
| Hoffmann | Vladimir | 35 | Penman | Ross | 5 |
| Bryant | Stan | 30 | Saxon | Jonathan | 5 |
| Bullard | Peter | 30 | Schenk | Neil | 5 |
| Bullard | Lillian | 30 | Todd | Anne | 5 |
| Vituseck | Werner | 30 | Vitagliani | John | 5 |



Web Links



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| 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 |
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| Tuff Truck: | http://www.tufftruck.com.au/ |
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Send me your favourite links to put in the next magazine.

Send them to: editor@awdc.com.au



If Microsoft built cars!

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive -- but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lift the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

Please share this with your friends who love -- but sometimes hate their computer! *(Editorial: Love and hate are both strong emotions which show people care but it is better to leave it to the Universe as strong emotions cause energy blockages-and make the blasted machines meaner)*

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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:

18th, 22nd & 23rd May, 2010.

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 or 0412 553 403



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

A Doggy Day Out

Start Date Sunday, 16 May 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 16 May 2010
Grade D
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Lee Bradstreet **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description A 1 day trip for all the dog owners in the club. In the Rydal area, leisurely 9:30AM start.

Driver Training

Start Date Saturday, 22 May 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 23 May 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.

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Heading South

Start Date Saturday, 22 May 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 23 May 2010
Grade C with B options
Max Vehicles 10
Trip Leader Steve Cox **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description Exploring the south coast between Nowra & Bawley Point.

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

Yet hol me to Caper tee

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 Capertee Pub on Saturday night. We will start in the Dark Corner state forest and travel to Capertee on the Saturday. Sunday we will do the Turon river NP and return via Sunny corner.

Christmas in July

Start Date Saturday, 31 July 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 1 August 2010
Grade Fun
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader Bob Humphrey **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description

Driver Training

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.



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4WD Adventure Show

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

Snow Trip

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

Driver Training Course

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.

Willowen 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

Start Date Saturday, 23 October 2010 **Finish Date** Sunday, 24 October 2010
Grade C
Max Vehicles
Trip Leader Brian Sommerville **Trip Leaders Number:**
Description A fun weekend for all members, test your navigational skill as well as driving skill and powers of observation.

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



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JACKSONS CROSSING TRIP

With the four day Easter break extended by one day a trip to the Victorian High Country was the perfect introduction to touring as new members of the club.

We met at the post office at Jindabyne 1.30PM on the Thursday. The group consisted of:

Tour leader Stuart Milburn and wife Kim – Nissan Patrol

Ross and Sally Shaw – Toyota Prado

Katy Jennings and Steve Cox – Nissan Navara

Mark Kortink – Mitsubishi Pajero

David and Liz Quartly – Toyota 100 series



All must have been keen to start as we were ready to roll at 1.15pm, fuel and food supplies for 5 days plus spares neatly packed away.

We left Jindabyne on the Alpine Highway passing through Thredbo and reached Tom Groggin. Here we left the highway, aired down to 23PSI and crossed the Murray River into Victoria. The river was not very high and all cars were safely through.

With the river crossed and a narrow track leading up a steep mountain side we headed for Davies High Plain. We made camp at the Davies Hut deciding it was too far to push on to the next camping area. Stuart was after brownie points after his late finish on

the previous trip. Yes it was before 4pm, the tents went up and Mark found plenty of firewood for the night.

Next morning (Friday) awoke to a beautiful sunny day. The temperature was only 2.5 degrees Celsius but we were packed and ready to leave by 8.45am. The plan was to head to Charles Creek, the Kings Plain Track was steep and heavily rutted. Low range was needed, used my new diff lockers for the first time. Reached an altitude of 1755m then down to the old hut.

Not much left of the hut following bush-fires, could still make out the fireplace, an old metal bed and some gal. sheets.



We now travelled south to the head of the Murray River. Very steep tracks with lots of conservation mounds. Sure was handy having an automatic car! Had morning tea here and enjoyed the scenery.



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Next stop was Rams Head Rock for lunch. This rock formation gave 360 degree views, the only problem was you had to be a mountain goat to reach the summit. After much climbing the views made it all worth while. Sat here for 20 minutes taking photographs.

Back on the track after lunch heading to Seldom Seen, which consists of a petrol station with an eclectic collection of cars, bicycles, dummies and sculptures on the road verge.

Turned next left at the sign post with a dead snake draped over it. Steep descent to the Snowy River crossing which entailed a short straight cross and meander up the far bank for 100 metres. The water level was not high but the river bed was very rocky.

Made camp at Jacksons Crossing, noticed another group already settled. They were playing country and western music interspersed with chain saw chatter as they cut enough wood to last a week.

Stuart, Liz and David went for a swim in the Snowy River, nice deep pool at the far bank. Water temperature cold but beats a wash out of a bucket!

Settled around the fire and enjoyed a tasty meal. Mark had his usual quota of beers, the wine flowed. The music from the other campers kept going. At about 1 in the morning after hearing "the boys from the bush" for the 20th time, Stuart had had enough. In a loud voice he asked them to turn down the music which they did. He thanked them. Never heard anything else from them.

Saturday was partly cloudy in the morning. Left camp at 10am heading for Raymond Falls along the West track. Unable to find turn off to falls, even with 3 GPS's agreeing that we were at the turnoff. Instead continued along West track to the Snowy River. Nice camping spot found, Steve and Mark went for a swim followed by morning tea.

Back tracked to Yalmy Rd and had lunch at Hicks Campground. Enormous wombat tunnel filled with beer cans in the centre of the campground. Back on road at 2.10pm heading back to Jacksons Crossing. Noticed an old hut other side of river and was going to investigate.

Crossed the Snowy again but as we drew closer we saw Private Property signs. Found a steep track which Start and Mark attempted.

Back to camp early, Stuart prepared his camp oven so had a roaring fire. The rest of the group had a quiet time, reading and washing hair. I had another swim, the water was no warmer. Mark managed to help Kim and Stuart finish off the roast after eating his own meal. That night was a lot quieter.

Easter Sunday and the Easter bunny found us, leaving eggs on the cars. Packed up and left by 9am, mist over the hills. Back to Yalmy Rd, turn off at Waratah Flat Rd. Good forestry road, beautiful scenery. Many ferns and tall trees. Had to make a slight detour as large tree across road. Turned off onto a narrow forest track and zig zagged our way to the summit 1270m. Combination of farm land, forest and plantations below looking towards Tingaringy.

After lunch headed down the opposite side past pine plantations





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onto Deddick Rd then to main road. Steve was keen to do Tingaringy track as he had problems last time. Checked tyre pressure (still 23PSI) and went in stages, one vehicle at a time in case help was needed. The track was very steep, loose surface and a bush fire had been through recently.. Ross and Sally who were tail-end Charlie for the trip had no problems being the final vehicle to reach the top. Climbed approx 500m over a short distance.

Once at the summit took the route to Tubbut. Once again very steep track, low range low with many switch backs. Had to unlock the diff lockers to get around some of the turns. At Tubbut Mark and Steve refuelled, Katie and I bought some local honey. Unable to contact owner of the private camp ground we had planned to stay so free camped beside the Deddick River.



Monday morning was cool and crisp, the tent had frost over it. Left camp at 9am heading along Delegate road and then Hobbs road. Looking for some new tracks but kept running into dead ends. At one dead end found a deserted homestead that was very interesting.

Decided to head for Delegate, inflated tyres when we hit the black top again and said good bye to Sally and Ross who were not going back to Sydney.
Lunch at Cooma then the long drive back to Sydney.

I would like to thank Stuart for organising the trip and all my fellow 4WDers for a fantastic trip.

David Quartly



DRIVER TRAINING 10 – 11 APRIL

(Part 1)

The group was greeted at the Zig Zag car park by Thomas the train and 200 very excited children (Including 4 in our group). There was Phil and Rob with Mike (Plus 2 offspring), Pete and Vanessa, Andrew and me (Plus Trevor, father in law and 2 offspring) as trainees.

A quick chat, tyres down and we were off. Pete used a tree as reversing aid before we had left the car park. I understand that was the only accident of the trip.

Mike demonstrated how to cross up a car and after some impressive wheel spinning, he was able to rest the rear diff on a rock so both rear wheels were off the ground. This was then followed by a vehicle recovery demonstration.

After practice on hill climbs and descents, and wheel placement the group did some rock hopping. 7 at-



tempts later I finally got my left front wheel on the mark. Trevor, the father in law, will never let me forget it either.

We stopped on the way to the camp site to collect wood already cut and spilt. I could not tell if this was someone clearing the track or if this was organised by Phil in advance – was pre cut and spilt wood supplied by the club?

After dinner, around the camp fire we started with police and navy stories, before the conversation got a lot more exciting when we moved

onto the accounting and financial stories. Some good and bad red wine was had.....

Early the next day (and very early for those of us with children) we were packed up. Following recovery training we started out again. On a steep rocky decline I used the bottom of the car to stop and not the brakes. After this I had a look under the car and I was dripping fluid from around the gearbox, so I called it a weekend.

After being told by the mechanic on Monday morning that they would have to remove both the engine and gearbox to get access, we realised that it was a cracked alloy heat shield that was absorbing oil (from the last service??), water, mud etc and them leaking when the car was on an angle. I was very relieved and able to drive to Queensland for the already delayed family holiday. Over to you Pete....





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NSW ACT 4WD Association - Driver Assessment Weekend

Trip Leader: George Cottee, DTU

Where: Lithgow area

When: 1st & 2nd of May 2010

Attendees: Chris Wren, Brian Sommerville, Bob Humphrey, Bruce Mann (navigator & track recorder)

Reporter: Bob Humphrey

Recently the Association advertised a 'Basic Driver Assessment' weekend, to be run by the Driver Training Unit (DTU) of the Association. This is not a training weekend, rather it is to assess how much you know, and determine whether you are competent over a stated range of activities, including;

Plan outdoor recreational activities

4WD vehicle characteristics

Drive & recover a 4WD vehicle

Perform maintenance and minor repairs

Responsible four wheel driving

Extreme conditions (by exam only)



The assessment is to nationally recognised, formal standards developed by the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council, for the 4WD Competency Standards of the Outdoor Recreation Industry. Because the testing (both practical and theoretical) is done in a formal, standard way by assessors with recognised training qualifications, the resulting 'Certificate of Competency' is accepted by employer and other organisations where 4WD skills are required as part of a job or role specification.

The assessment is substantially based on the Trainee Guide which this club gives to new members when they attend Driver Training with Phil Reid.

Prior to the weekend the DTU emailed out three theory questionnaires (read tests) covering 'Plan Outdoor Recreational Activities', 'Drive & Recover' and Simulated Scenarios'. The first two were multiple choice,

the third was multiple answer. 58, 28 and 4 questions respectively. There were minimum pass marks required to be assessed as competent at the theory level. These documents had to be returned, completed, to the DTU prior to the practical weekend. We were given our results prior to the weekend also.

The questions ensured you had read the Trainee Guide.

The twelve attendees from a variety of clubs around Sydney met at the Lake Lyell camping ground on Saturday morning. After a briefing from George on the structure of the weekend and the assessment processes, we were broken into three groups of four, each with an assigned assessor, who stayed with us throughout the weekend.

Saturday morning was mostly theory with attendees having to demonstrate the ability to carry out pre-departure checks, general vehicle knowledge, tyre changing procedures (Brian demonstrated this very ably) and so on prior to lunch. The afternoon was dedicated to single snatch strap recovery, with





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an early break for dinner as a night drive was planned for the evening. The evening was uneventful. After a play at the quarry and a hearty meal we hit the sack relatively early. But not before we discovered a leak in a bottle of red.

It's probably worth mentioning, at this point, that the weekend was fully catered by the Association. All we had to provide were nibbles and drink. Food was plentiful and good. Brian (Assn exec member) and Heidi Lawson did the catering for the weekend and in between meals managed to repair their Aussie Swag camper which had suffered a detached front spring hanger about 100 metres short of the campsite on Friday afternoon. The camper was about 20 years old and not built to the standards seen today.

Cost for the weekend was \$75, including food and camp ground fees. We all felt this was good value as, putting aside the assessment process, we had a fully catered, reasonably relaxed weekend, with some interesting driving to keep us all happy.



Saturday night was fine and cool, but not cold. Sunday was another beautiful day. Quite different to what we had left behind in Sydney on Saturday morning. It was also practical day. After a great breakfast of bacon and eggs, toast, coffee etc., we headed out for a morning drive. This morning the assessors rode with each attendee in turn, asking questions about driving techniques, how would you deal with this, what gear selections are appropriate for that, etc. Hopefully the supply of Jubes, freely available and well liked by the assessor got me through. We did Phil's two favourite water crossings (we weren't required to walk them, Phil). We also headed back to the quarry to have a go at the tougher rock climbs that George had not wanted us to tackle in the dark the night before.

There are three climbs at the quarry. They are all short but two have interesting rock steps where wheel placement and momentum are more important than normal. All have very loose small gravel. I would rate these as tough C or easy B challenges. Not everybody did them all. We three AWDC members did. Unfortunately Brian did a CV joint on his last effort. So some of the theory from the previous day came into play for real. Brian's vehicle is constant 4WD so it wasn't just a matter of engaging two wheel drive for the remainder of the trip followed by an easy drive back to Sydney. About an hour later Brian, with some active involvement from Chris and advice from another Toyota driver, had removed the front driveshaft, the axle spline cap and replaced the front wheel, all the while under the watchful eyes of the assessors. Some discussion was had with regard to keeping dust out of the axle housing. The consensus was to wrap the axle spline with gladwrap, tape it and then fill the centre, plastic hub cap with grease. Brian was congratulated on his having nipped out what needed to be done and the way he went about the repair. The second principle of four wheel driving; think, assess, decide, was well applied by him.

So we were a little late getting back to our lunch of pumpkin soup. But by then the tents were nice and dry so all the gear was packed away without the need to unpack again at home.

George then gave us a heads up on what the assessment process would be to decide if we were competent or not and when we could expect to get the results. We also had to fill out a course review questionnaire as all feedback is evaluated nationally. That process ended about 3:30pm. Brian, Bruce and I headed home after saying goodbye to our new found friends. We stopped at the Shell servo on the GW Highway at Lithgow for a milkshake and returned home via Bells Line of Road. Chris headed up the Highway to pick up his family who had spent the weekend not too far away.

So the question is; 'was the weekend of value?'

In my opinion, yes. I also want to do the Advanced Driver assessment so it made sense to me to confirm that I had the basics covered. Of course, you always learn something from these events and this one was no different. As an AWDC committee member it also was a way for me to put our own driver training efforts and standards into perspective. As a result I can say that, by comparison, Phil Reid and his assistants do an excellent job. If Phil passes you through our driver training then you should be more than competent to get through the national assessment.

Bob Humphrey





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4WDNSW&ACT NEW PRESIDENT

I am pleased to announce that our search for a new President has resulted in the appointment of Peter Fenwick from the Southern Tablelands to that vacant position by the Executive Committee.

Upon purchasing his first 4WD in 1997, Peter immediately joined the Southern Tablelands 4WD Club so he could be trained in the correct use of his new toy. He then took the family on the big trip for 3 months and realised just how much there is to see, do and learn. Peter is a keen supporter of quality training for members of all

clubs. He has served as a Delegate to the Association for 4 years, was chair of the

Canberra Region Committee of 4WD NSW&ACT for 2 years and worked to create the MOU with Parks, Conservation and Lands in the ACT. Peter has served in various positions on the Executive Committee of ST4WD Club in the last 6 years including Public Relations and President. He has also served on the Queanbeyan show committee.

Peter loves the Australian landscape and outback travel and has completed many trips including the Hay River in the Nth Simpson, Anne Beadell and the Canning Stock Route. He even came 2nd in the standard class competition at J7. Peter also

likes his comfort so tows a Tvan.

In other areas Peter has served as a Managing Director and as a Secretary of a local chamber of commerce as well as on the executives of a number of community and professional bodies.

Roger Sheath
Vice President
20th April, 2010



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July 2009 through April

| | This Year | % of Sales | Last Year | LY % of Sales |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Membership | \$13,118.40 | 60.80% | \$14,767.00 | 83.80% |
| Advertising | \$5,822.05 | 27.00% | \$605.00 | 3.40% |
| Sales | \$1,346.00 | 6.20% | \$699.00 | 4.00% |
| Raffles | \$715.50 | 3.30% | \$891.30 | 5.10% |
| Donations | \$580.50 | 2.70% | \$355.85 | 2.00% |
| Interest Received | \$2.23 | 0.00% | \$313.94 | 1.80% |
| Total Income | \$21,584.68 | 100.00% | \$17,632.09 | 100.00% |
| Cost of Sales | | | | |
| Cost of Sales | \$1,040.00 | 4.80% | \$510.00 | 2.90% |
| Total Cost of Sales | \$1,040.00 | 4.80% | \$510.00 | 2.90% |
| Gross Profit | \$20,544.68 | 95.20% | \$17,122.09 | 97.10% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| AGM Catering | \$300.00 | 1.40% | \$300.00 | 1.70% |
| Association Fees | \$1,999.50 | 9.30% | \$2,211.00 | 12.50% |
| Bank Fees | \$4.20 | 0.00% | \$4.20 | 0.00% |
| Club Activities | \$905.04 | 4.20% | \$2,609.54 | 14.80% |
| Credit Card Fees | \$760.62 | 3.50% | \$656.79 | 3.70% |
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| Trailer, Tools & Equipment | \$0.00 | 0.00% | \$418.80 | 2.40% |
| Total Expenses | \$8,540.93 | 39.60% | \$13,980.98 | 79.30% |
| Operating Profit | \$12,003.75 | 55.60% | \$3,141.11 | 17.80% |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Other Expenses | | | | |
| Net Profit / (Loss) | \$12,003.75 | 55.60% | \$3,141.11 | 17.80% |



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUB OF SYDNEY INC Wednesday, 14 April 2010

MEETING OPEN

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

CHAIR

Vice-President, Aaron Mitchell

MINUTES

Secretary, Bob Humphrey

ATTENDANCE BOOK

Attendance book was circulated

APOLOGIES

Chris Wren (President), Kevin & Karen Couter, Jose Muino (broken ankle), Brad Paull, Gordon Halnan, Lee Bradstreet

VISITORS

John, who drives a Prado Diesel

Jeff, the guest speaker

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed by Secretary and seconded by Phil Reid

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

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Chris Wren

Absent – report as per magazine

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Aaron Mitchell

As per the magazine

GUEST SPEAKER – Jeff Betteridge

Jeff is Ranger for Yengo National Park

Jeff gave a wide ranging, informal talk on issues such as:

Funding

Track maintenance

Open attitude to proposals by 4WD clubs

Park abuse by locals

Permit access scheme

Surveillance cameras being used to protect the Wollemi Pine

Convict Trail Committee protective work



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Jeff answered a wide range of questions from the floor

Aaron made a presentation to Jeff with his vote of thanks

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bob Humphrey

Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Dutfield

Report as per magazine

Club member Trevor Bullard had assisted at Tough Truck & donated the resulting \$400 to the club.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT – Gordon Hanlon

Absent – report as per magazine

EDITOR'S REPORT – Lee Bradstreet

Absent

DRIVER TRAINER'S REPORT – Phil Reid

Driver Training was held last weekend

Gordon Halnan was committee member in attendance

4 attended theory but on three were in attendance at the weekend

Certificates of Attainment were presented to; Adrian Munn, Peter Hickey, Mike Hunter

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT – Bruce Mann

Upcoming trips introduced by Trip Leaders were:

1-2 May – James van Tuinen – Bulladelha State Forest

19-20 June – Mark Kortink – Balbone Gap/Newness

24-25 July – Lee Bradstreet - Yetholme to Capertee

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

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

Xmas Party will be held last weekend in November. trip leaders, Bob Humphrey & Sue Dutfield

Trip Report – Driver Training – Mike Hunter

Peter Hickey reversed into a tree

Mike got hung up

Adrian suffered an oil leak & departed for home early

Trip Report – Jacksons Crossing - Katy Jennings & Steve Cox

Lots of banter between these two as to what actually occurred over Easter

Multi-media presentation

4WD NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION NEWS – Brian Sommerville

Limeburners has been closed by Sydney Water

Bob Humphrey, Chris Wren & Brian will attend DTU Assessment weekend

4WD show 27,28, 29 August at Eastern Creek

more info as it comes to hand

we can have a club stand if we want one

we will get credits for volunteer hours



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Next quarterly meeting will be at Eastern Creek, in conjunction with the show

PURCHASING OFFICER'S REPORT – Steve Gillespie

None PO absent

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – Richard Destefanis

Nothing to report

VIDEO OFFICER'S REPORT – Chris Walker

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – Brad Paull

Steve & Jason stood in for Brad

Next month's dress is thongs & club badge



RAFFLE

Prize: \$50 fuel voucher

Won by: **Lola O'Reilly**

DRIVER of the MONTH AWARD

Won by: Mark Kortink

Why: \$4,000 worth of transfer case, gearbox & CV joint repairs

MEETING CLOSED

At 9:55pm

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 12 May 2010 @ 8.00pm

Bob Humphrey

Secretary



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