



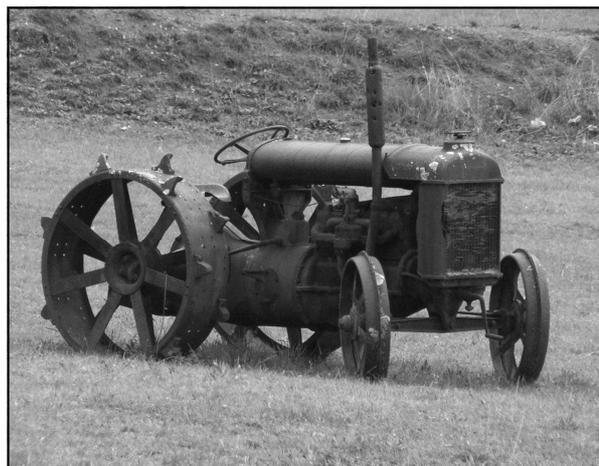
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Next Meeting 8 November 2011

The deadline for material to be included in the next issue of *Southern Trails* is the Friday following the General Meeting 11 November 2011

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General Meetings are held at the

Canberra Deakin Sports Club, Grose St, Deakin

at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General Meetings are a focal point of the Club where members can meet and get information about past and future Club activities. Meetings are structured with a minimum of formality. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest ranging from vehicle mechanics to bush lore. Reports on past trips are presented and new trips are announced. Visitors introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members. Don't forget to wear your name badge.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome. Contact Mary Biddle if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation.

Many members gather before and after the meeting to enjoy a meal or drink at the Canberra Deakin Sports Club.

Publications

Website www.st4wdc.org. The site is used to provide timely information regarding Club activities and variations from previously announced plans. Especially, check for any last minute variations to trips you are undertaking.

Southern Trails is the ST4WD Club monthly magazine.

Trip reports, and articles that are relevant to Club members are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations.

Closing date for all material is the Friday following the monthly meeting. Send contributions to publications@st4wdc.org

Talooge Park

Talooge is the Club's 600+ ha bush block in rugged country east of Bredbo. It is used for training and other club activities, and members are welcome there for private camping, recreation and the simple pleasure of enjoying the bush. Several areas have been set aside for basic bush camping. Some have firewood, but no other services – no water, no electricity, no phone, very limited mobile phone coverage. Pets and the discharging of firearms are not permitted on the property. Visitors should assume that they are solely responsible for their own wellbeing and be conscious of the risks of fire, snakebite, etc. Mobile phone coverage is poor. In an emergency, neighbours Mr Richie Southwell and his sons, can usually be contacted using UHF channel 18.

Intending visitors should check with the Property Coordinator or a committee member regarding access procedures and the combination locks securing the gates.

Code of Ethics

These are the rules of conduct that we should all observe when using our vehicles in the bush. We should all take them to heart. Image is a difficult thing to change!!

1. Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
2. Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
3. Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
4. Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
5. Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
6. Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
7. Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
8. Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
9. Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent, in radio contact.
10. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
11. Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
12. Support four wheel driving as a responsible and legitimate family recreational activity.

Training

The Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club is devoted to providing the best driver training possible. The Driver Training Team provides a range of courses throughout the year. Students are assigned an instructor over the period of the course. The 1:1 instructor/student ratio ensures maximum transfer of skills and experience.

The current courses are:

Main Courses

Basic Driver Training,
Very Difficult Terrain, and
Advanced Recovery (for Grade 4 and 5)

Supplementary Courses

Water Crossing,
Sand Driving,
Practical Map Reading,
Navigation,
Route Planning,
GPS, and
Other specific training relating to Club activities such as camper trailers etc may also be introduced..

Training for Driver Training Instructors

Trainee Instructor,
Assistant Instructor,
Instructor, and
Chief Instructor

Visit the ST4WDC web page for full details which are expanded on in detail in the Driver Training Policy document located under the Training menu tab.

Partners are encouraged to undertake the Basic Driver Education course, and any of the other courses offered from time to time. Unfortunately couples cannot undertake the course at the same time as only one driver per vehicle can be instructed during a training course. Training of a member's child is subject to approval by Club management and only when spare places are available. Couples may attend the Navigation, Map Reading & GPS courses.

A special offer to travelers - Sewing Machine - medium/heavy duty - available for short term loan.

I have custody of a medium duty Singer sewing machine that is ideal for all those small canvas repair jobs or to create new tent peg bags, tool rolls, billy can bags, camp oven bags, etc. How far does your creative imagination go? The machine will handle up to three layers of medium weight canvas and uses very strong upholstery weight nylon thread that is great for reasonably heavy jobs.

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Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



Welcome to our newest members:

Ashton Walker
Graeme and Georgina Booth
Grahame and Jennifer Macdonald
Mark Batey
Anne and Ryan Howatt
Kerry and Dennis Hartley.

We now have some 259 memberships representing almost 500 people. So our Club is not only going strong but growing too!

Vickie and I had two great long weekends - with our Talooge dinner and track survey weekend we had a great time. It was good exploring our boundaries and planning tracks. Then the next weekend off to Saltwater Creek near Eden with another great bunch. We all agreed that the southern forests and parks are a great place to get to and more trips will be planned to explore the tracks.

Talooge is available for any of our members to visit and it is looking really great. Graeme Kruse and Don Wiltshire have been working hard keeping weeds and grass down among many other bits of maintenance. Access is via Bundarra Rd off Jerangle Rd and through the Southwell's and Elliott's properties. Please remember to travel through the creek crossing and not over the private bridge and keep the dust down around the farmhouse too. Also, make sure you let our Property Coordinator John Kjar or I know if you are going to visit Talooge. Access via Strike a Light Fire Trail is only available with permission of our neighbour so talk with myself or John if you wish to use this track.

Many thanks again to all who turned up to help clear tracks for our driver training follow up days. The response was great and we managed to finish the work and get home early. Rob Tiele is now known as 'BOB' - just ask him!

With the Home and Leisure Show and our main promo, the 2012 4WD Spectacular on 11-12 February, we will see another influx of new members. Speaking of the 4WD Spectacular - have you let Marj Jones know yet that you are available to help out? The more that help the easier it is for all

A couple of hours helping with parking, selling entry tickets, in the Club Tent or elsewhere make a difference. Many members choose to stay (and help) all weekend camping overnight - a great idea so you don't have to drive home after the dinners and social activities!

The 4wd Spectacular not only raises money for our chosen charities but it also raises money for our Club. Key benefits from this fundraising have included helping to fund the purchase of our property Talooge among other things so it is important to us.

November will be hectic as it seems the time for many events and activities. Firstly, our 35th Anniversary reunion and Morning after Barbeque starts the month. Many thanks to the organising Committee of Wendy and Rick Holland, Rob and Kerry Lejsek (who with Stirling kindly let us meet at their house), Marj Jones, Mark and Kim Pritchard, Peter Reynolds, Jim Raleigh, Rosemary Orr, Ian Goodacre and Rob Tiele. Thanks to others who have been involved from time to time including Alan Jones, Alex Tiele and Vickie Taylor. Thanks to Richard Brand for the arranging the Morning after BBQ and hopefully the beroccas!

Then we have a driver training weekend as well as a trip to Misty Mountain and No Name Trails with Dan and Anne O'Hara. The month will finish off with the Christmas Mystery Event as requested by members. A few of us can't be at the Chrissy party as we have a wedding to celebrate - Brenden and Keira's of course. Ahh... more beroccas needed perhaps.

I have just had a great catch up with one of our publishers John Wiseman who dropped off spare copies of ST for the Club. If you are looking for back issues or just wish to read about past trips let me know. John and Val are back from their wintering in the northern parts of Australia and hopefully I have encouraged him to write a few articles on their recent travels for ST. On that point, apart from our Club trips many members participate in private trips throughout the year. It would be great to see more of these trips written about in our magazine. It can be a little as dropping a line to the editor to let other members know what you are up to or a bit more in the form of an article.

Taylor Torque

Greg Taylor



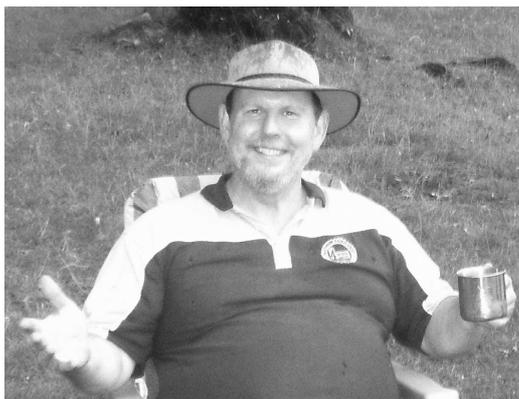
Also, do you have any tips or tricks with your vehicle or camp set up that you would like to share? What about writing about your 4wd or your camper trailer? Your contributions are certainly welcome.

We are still seeking Trip Leaders to run more trips for the Club. Any member of the Club is welcome to propose and lead a trip. We have many experienced trip leaders too – come on folks we can't let all this nice sunny weather go to waste staying at home! Our Trips Coordinator Richard Brand can help with many destinations if you are stuck for one – what about South East Forests National Park? Richard also needs notice of trips for next year to prepare a Club program of Trips and Events. We will be publishing the program in the February ST.

So, as our Club turns 35 it makes me think what we will look like at 40! What do you think? What should our Club aspire to achieve over the next five years? For example, should we purchase more property or invest more in the property we have? I will be asking my fellow Committee members to ponder these questions and more with the purpose of developing a plan for our Club. This approach will better serve our current and future Committees helping them to make decisions on day to day activities and management of Club finances. Of course, this also means that we will need your input too. Speak to, ring, email or write to any of the Committee (or myself) with your thoughts and ideas. Contact information is in the Directory (page 2). For the Committee to best serve you we need your help!

So as we rush towards the festive season I wish you the Club a very happy 35th birthday. I hope you enjoy reading our very first ST and other articles as much as I did. Bring on the next 35 years!

Greg.



Not all women are fools...



Housework was a woman's job, but one evening, Janice arrived home from work to find the children bathed, one load of laundry in the washer and another in the dryer. Dinner was on the stove, and the table set. She was astonished!

It turns out that Dave had read an article that said, 'Wives who work full-time and had to do their own housework were too tired to have sex'.

The night went very well. The next day, Janice told her friends all about it. 'We had a great dinner. Dave even cleaned up the kitchen. He helped the kids do their homework, folded all the laundry and put it away. I really enjoyed the evening.'

'But what about afterward?' asked her friends.

'Oh, that..... Dave was too tired.'

God is good





~ WANTED ~

WE WANT YOU!!

4WD SPECTACULAR

11th and 12th February 2011

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4WDing,
and also get to know the members of our club and other clubs.

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Talooge Long Weekend

Brenden Taylor



Greg Taylor

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Senerath Wijeratne
Neil Ellison
Michael Patrick, Tina Patrick
Rob Donaldson,
Lynne Donaldson, Dan, Gemma

Trip Leader

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After lunch a few of us explored the south-western area of Talooge. Not long into our exploration and we encountered a tree across the track. Sen produced a machete and Alan pulled out his axe (we had left all the chainsaws back at camp). Turns out we had cleared a path to a dead end. We all turned around and took the left hand track we passed moments before and had got as far as a loose gravel hill that was going to possibly cause more headaches than intended so back to camp we headed.

8.25am and Kiera and I roll into the meeting place at Williamsdale to find Sen and Neil have already arrived shortly followed by Greg, Vickie and Kane. Now to wait for Michael and Tina who is last to arrive at approx. 8.50am - LATE!! "Hey Michael, how come we could hear you over the radio but you couldn't hear us?" "Oh crap Tina turned the sound down!". Alan and Marj had travelled down on Friday to suss the weather situation out for us and the Donaldson's were due mid-afternoon.

After a smooth easy blast down the highway via Southwells we arrive at Talooge, we greet Alan and Marj, unpack and set up. Alan and Marj are in their own 'tool shed', Sen Kiera and I are tenting and everyone else are in the main clubhouse aka 'The Love Shack'. I think they were having a 'who can snore loudest' competition. Kane was the judge and he says there was no clear winner.

After we settled in it was time for Neil to show Kane and I the do's and don'ts of operating the chainsaws. After a few good demos it was time for us to have a go. Niel and Greg felled the trees around the big shed to prevent possible damage in bad weather. Kane and I were in charge of turning the felled trees into firewood. Unfortunately this firewood won't be usable for a year or so.

The Donaldson's had arrived with the batteries for the rotisserie, which were forgotten. Lucky they were coming mid-afternoon or the pork wouldn't have been as yummy!

Juicy roast chicken by Lynne and roast pork expertly done on the rotisserie by Greg, and yummy roast veggies done over the campfire by Marj. And the feast was on. Who said camping was about roughing it! All followed with dessert. Ice cream, apple pie, chocolate pudding by Marj and raspberry swirl cake by Tina. To top it all off, Michael ACTUALLY washed up! The Donaldson's headed home that night.

On the second day more firewood was chopped and Michael, Tina, Sen and Neil left mid-morning. After having the leftovers for lunch we pruned some shrubs and placed the pruned branches in the wash out at the end of Rayner's FT to help with erosion. We explored Honeymoon Bay and Chicken Run then returning for dinner.

Day three was not very eventful as we lazily packed up and left for Canberra.



Suzuki Recovery



Suzuki Recovery

Explore the Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park

Sabine Meyer



Michael Patrick	Trip Leader
Graeme & Barbara Traynor	Patrol
Dean Parham	Navara
Sabine Meyer	Vitara
David O'Connor	Prado
Senerath Wijerate	Pathfinder
Ryka Moore	Prado
Gay Chapman & Judith Wilson	Patrol

As with previous trips, the track had been graded fairly recently so we missed out on any challenging sections.

The only tricky bit was a section where a huge tree had fallen across the path, just before a turn through a creek bed. Whoever cut the tree must have been driving a Sierra as the gap was just large enough for a large 4WD. Graeme and Barbara were towing their camper trailer and because of the bend in the track with a steep bank on either side, they just made it though with millimeters to spare. We thought they might have to amputate one of the latches on the trailer but it made it through all right.

We met at 8.30am at Eagle Hawkes car park. At 8.35 Michael still hadn't turned up and we were starting to wonder where he was when a Suzuki Sierra with a roll cage swung into the lot with Michael at the steering wheel!

Last time I followed Michael into the wilderness he drove his black Prado so this was quite a change. He warned us that we'd be taking it at a leisurely pace (translate: 90kms/hr on the highway) and it was quite a site seeing 7 med/large 4WD vehicles following the tiny Sierra.

The highlights of the first hour or so were the downhill sections where we could speed up to 110km/hr and also overtaking 2 vehicles that went even slower than we did due to L plate restrictions. We cheered Michael on as he passed them. And then there was the truck that overtook us all. When he was next to the Sierra I got a bit worried about Michael's safety.

We stopped at the Big Merino to fuel up; lucky we got in just before the rush. By the time we left the place was a mad house.

After winding our way through suburban Goulburn we hit the Goulburn-Taralga-Oberon road towards the Abercrombie River National Park, which is about 90kms from Goulburn. We had morning tea at Taralga and a few kms before the turn off, Michael showed us a camp ground which he thought could be a back up option should the camp sites in the National Park be full as Abercrombie River NP is very popular with 4 wheelers. It wasn't far from the back up campground to the entrance of the National Park and when we hit dirt we aired down to 4WD levels. It was only minutes before we started four wheeling in earnest. As soon as we aired down we took a sharp, steep right hand turn and from then on it was all 4 low.

One of the highlights was a 10-meter mud puddle on the track that was fun to drive through. As usual I got a bit nervous but knowing that our leader had made it through in his Sierra gave me the confidence that I could manage as well. It was my first bit of semi-decent mud and I turned out to be fun.

We got to the Silent Creek campsite at around 2pm and there were only one or two other campers there. We decided to go explore a bit and followed the track further into the National Park. Graeme & Barbara decided to stay behind and safeguard the campsite for us. We drove up and down, over mountain tops, along ridges and descended into valleys crossing near empty creek beds. We went to check out the 'Beach', another camp site in the park and Ryka stayed behind to try his hand at fishing and Dave and Lachlan went reptile and platypus hunting. Ryka didn't catch any fish but Dave and Lachlan spotted a platypus with photos to prove it.

After about an hour we turned around and headed for camp. We set up our temporary homes and were ready for happy hour before 5pm – someone thought it was the record of earliness for happy hour but we didn't mind. As it turned out it was good we did claim our spots early as not long after we sat down a group of 14 vehicles turned up and took up the remaining spots. Some of our people had spread out a bit to enjoy some solitude but instead they now found themselves surrounded by strangers.

Explore the Tracks of Abercrombie River National Park

Sabine Meyer



Dean's tent ended up in the middle of their group and when they came to ask him if they could use the fire pit behind his camp he decided it would be wiser to move his abode to safer grounds. Luckily he has one of those tents that have one pole in the center so it was a matter of collapsing it and pulling up 4 pegs.

There were only 8 vehicles in our group and there was plenty of room around the campfire. I thought it was a really nice size group; it's small enough so you get to talk to everyone.

Dave and Lachlan decided to wild life spotting by torchlight and they kindly enough let me tag along. Considering they were chasing a snake earlier in the day I should have tweaked to the fact that that was what they were looking for but luckily we didn't have any encounters with the slithery kind (much to the guys' disappointment). We did however spot the 'small 5' (as opposed to the big 5). We saw Huntsman spiders' eyes glare green-blue in the torch light, we saw some wallabies disappear in the torchlight; we found Salamander egg sacks, saw moths and hear frogs and a Tawny Frogmouth. I found out that the frogs that you can hear everywhere in rivers are only about the size of a 5-cent piece so from now on I won't bother looking for them.

The next morning we were ready to leave around 10am and wound our way though the National Park. Michael had come on this trip with the mission to find the fabled waterwheel and we found it in an unexpected place, right next to an inhabited house in the middle of the park. And there was not just one but two waterwheels, although one of them had been decommissioned years ago and was rusting away on the side of a hill. We stopped here to have morning tea and let our vehicles cool down a bit because there was a water crossing ahead. After my last experience of following Michael through a creek on the Bendethra trip that almost sent me floating down the river I decided to walk this one despite the fact that it looked very shallow. It was no more than knee deep and freezing cold! There was also a cool hanging bridge!

On our way out of the park we stopped at 'The Sink', which is another camping site in the park. Dave and Lachlan decided to try their luck and spotting reptiles again and the rest of us headed off homewards.

We stopped at the back up campsite we visited on the first day for lunch and Michael decided to depart early to get a head start in his Sierra. The rest of us had a leisurely lunch and everyone made their own way home. I passed Michael just before Lake George so he had made pretty good time.

It was a most enjoyable trip with a great mix of people; some had been in the club for ages and done big trips across Australia and some, like me, fairly new to the club with varying degrees of four wheeling experience.

Thank you to Michael for a great trip and Gary to be Charlie on day 1 and Graeme on day 2!



Words Of Wisdom

- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Club Awards



The Committee believe that any member, who has, over a long period, shown dedication and commitment to any facet of the Club, should be recognised in an appropriate way.

Two key awards are available in our club, the President's Award and Life Membership Award. These two awards, although they have been in the Club for several years, have never been formally worded. A sub group of the Committee developed criteria and process relating to these awards that was subsequently agreed by the Committee earlier this year

The wording for the two awards is as follows:

President's Award

Nominated by any financial member of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club (hereinafter called the Club) to the President for consideration at any time throughout the year.

Criteria:

The Nominee should, over a period of time, display:

Dedication and commitment to the aims and objectives of the Club in any area of the Clubs activities.

Presentation:

A framed certificate is to be presented to the recipient at a Club Meeting.

Life Membership

Nominated by any financial member of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club (hereinafter called the Club) to any member of the Executive, for consideration at any time throughout the year.

- The nomination must be written to the criteria.
- The written nomination is to be handed to a member of the Club Executive.
- The nomination will be considered by the Club Executive, who may make further enquiries relating to eligibility of the nominee but after due consideration will either award Life Membership or decline Life Membership.

Should the awarding of Life Membership be declined, the Club Executive may provide the nominator with the basis for such action but is not obliged to so do.

Criteria:

Over a period of a minimum of 10 years, the nominated member must:

- Be dedicated and have displayed an active commitment to the aims and objectives of the Club over and above those normally expected of a member of the Club
 - Have contributed significantly to the endeavours of the Club.
 - Have displayed outstanding service, loyalty, integrity, fellowship, and enthusiasm to the Club.
- Have promoted the Club and its ideals.

Presentation:

A framed citation and the Award will be presented to the recipient at an appropriate gathering of Club Members.

Note: Club Executive positions are President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer.

A Police STOP at 2 AM

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, That would be my wife."

ABOUT TRIPS

TRIP GRADING

For trips in the club's calendar a grading system of levels 1 to 5 is used to assist members in deciding which trips they would most enjoy and which grade suits the driver's level of skill and experience. This system of grading is a guide only. The grade assigned to a trip may change due to weather conditions, and the trip leader should be consulted in such circumstances. The trip leader has the right to deny a request from a driver who is considered not to have the necessary level of skill in 4W driving, or whose vehicle is deemed inadequate.

- *GRADE 1:** very easy with little, if any 4w driving involved; will usually consist of a scenic tour or a trip to camp. No 4WD skills are needed.
- *GRADE 2:** a relatively moderate 4WD trip with winching and/or towing unlikely. Moderate level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- *GRADE 3:** a medium 4WD trip which requires cautious driving; winching should not be required. Good level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of Basic Driver Education Course.
- *GRADE 4:** a moderately difficult 4WD trip with some winching and/or towing almost a certainty. High level of 4WD skills needed, as well as completion of both the Basic and Advanced Driver Education Courses.
- *GRADE 5:** an extremely difficult 4WD trip. Participants must be experienced at traveling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing will definitely be required and participants must have all their own recovery equipment. Skill levels the same as Grade 4.

DRIVER EXPERIENCE

Conditions on some trips at Grade 3 and above may prove too difficult for inexperienced drivers. Please advise the trip leader of the level of skill, and vehicle equipment when signing up for such a trip. Members must have attended the 'Safe-One' Basic Vehicle Operation Course before driving on a Club trip above the Grade 1 level, unless they have satisfied the Club's Education Coordinator that they have the necessary experience.

TRIP PLANNING

If you are planning a Trip or Social Event for the Club contact the Club Trips Co-ordinator, preferably at least two months in advance of your chosen dates. This will allow time to give your event a 'good plug' in the Southern Trails, and it helps to avoid clashes with other people's plans. However, if a good event opportunity comes up at short notice our rules are sufficiently flexible to enable a quick approval. Club policy requires that a Club event shall be publicised in the Club magazine, or at a General Meeting of the Club, or on the Club's website in order for it to be considered a formal Club event and so be covered for the purposes of insurance, subsidies and so forth.

For a trip using tracks that are not public roads it is Club policy to confirm with the appropriate authorities that access is permitted on the chosen dates. This includes National Parks, State Forests as well as private property.

CB RADIOS

The Club strongly recommends that a UHF radio be carried to facilitate convoy procedures. UHF channel 14 is used as the standard channel for trips.

FIREARMS & PETS

Firearms are not permitted on club trips. Pets are not allowed in National Parks, otherwise refer to Trip leader.

TRIPS AND EVENTS



5 - 6 Nov

ST4WDC 35th Anniversary Event

2011-031

Trip Leader: Kerry and Rob Lejsek, Rick and Wendy Holland

Email: lejsek@grapevine.com.au

Phone: 02 6161 7597 (h)

Limit: unlimited

Start: 7:00 PM

Description: This year the Southern Tablelands 4WD Club celebrates its 35th Birthday.

To mark this special occasion, current and past club members are invited to join in the celebration at the Yarralumla Woolshed on the evening of 5 November 2011.

We have engaged local band "no idea" for the entertainment, nibbles, spit roast for dinner and organised some special deserts. So save the date, tickets at \$47.50 per head will be on sale at the ST4WDC August general meeting.

Enquiries may be directed to Kerry Lejsek 6161 7597 (ah) 0402 094 612 or membership@st4wdc.org

6 Nov

Morning after Barbeque

2011-065

Trip Leader: Richard Brand

Email: trips@st4wdc.org

Phone: 0418 568 358 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Start: 11:00 AM

Meeting Place: Macdermott Place, Lake Ginnindera – check website for possible change to the other side of the lake due to construction work

Requirements: byo drinks

Description: Following the 35th Anniversary event, the Club is throwing a lunchtime barbeque. The location is a great barbeque spot on the shore of Lake Ginnindera, with plenty of grass and shade trees. There is a swimming beach and a nearby launching spot for un-powered boats, plus a bicycle track well away from public roads. A kids playground is nearby.

Comments: Please book on the website to help us with catering numbers. To get to the venue from Ginnindera Drive, turn into Coulter Drive and take the first left on to Joynton Smith Drive. Then first left again on to Macdermott Place. We will be past the end of the road - look out for the ST4WDC sign!

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11 - 13 Nov "Safe One" Basic Driver Training at Talooge Park

2011-016

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Bredbo Service Station
Description: This is the Club's official and accredited basic driver education course.
Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

13 Nov Misty Mountain and No Name Mountain Trails

2011-071

Trip Leader: Dan O'Hara
Email: ohara5@homemail.com.au
Phone: 02 6231 3872 (h); 0406 375 677 (m)
Limit: 8 vehicles
Grade: 2
Start: 9:30 AM
Meeting Place: Braidwood, corner Main Street and Coast Road
Fuel: Full tank. Supplies can be obtained from Braidwood of course.
Maps: The best ones are South Coast Forest Map or the draft Fire Management Strategy map for Monga National Park. If you wish to practice your OziExplorer mapping skills with more detailed maps then the main 1:25,000 maps are: Monga (8826 1N), Currowan (8926 4N), Araluen (8826 1S), Burrembela (8826 2N), Mogo (8926 4S) and Nelligen (8926 4S).
Requirements: Basic driver training, recovery gear, a car in good nick with good tyres, lunch, snacks (and probably a volunteer to get wet).
Description: We start off from Braidwood at 9:30am. After travelling through Araluen we will head into the wilds to Wandera Trig. After a couple of photo opportunities we head up to No Name Mountain Firetrail - very scenic and with steep shaley climbs and a couple of water crossings - then onto Misty Mountain Road. We will eventually hit the Kings Hwy and return to Braidwood for a cuppa.
Comments: Be prepared for water crossings. We may need to backtrack if the Buckenbowra River is too deep near the Corn Trail on the edge of Monga NP. No man-made loos along the way. We will have lunch somewhere scenic.

20 Nov "Safe One" Basic Driver Training Course Follow-up Day

2011-017

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds
Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)
Limit: 20 people
Start: 8:00 AM

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Description: This is day three of the basic driver education course and MUST be attended before participating on any Club trips where the proposed route is expected to be at Grade 2 or above

26 - 27 Nov Club Christmas Mystery Event

2011-063

Trip Leader: Richard Brand

Email: trips@st4wdc.org

Phone: 0418 568 358 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Grade: 1

Start: 8:30 AM

Requirements: Bring an innovative, preferably funny, wrapped present valued under \$15 for the Gift Grab. Bring a secret wrapped present for each child in your party. Bring your own catering including happy hour supplies and a (labelled so we know what we are eating) pot luck main dish for sharing.

Description: This year, you told us you wanted an overnight event with a decent four wheel drive experience thrown in, and this will be it! Two packed days of fun for children and adults alike. We will be close to water so bring swimmers, old tyre tubes or canoes. Kids games will be followed by games for kids -at-heart. Santa will visit, there will be the now-traditional Gift Grab, then a communal pot luck dinner following happy hour. Best table decoration, club-provided desserts and camp-fire camaraderie take us through to the morning after. Not to be missed.

Comments: Please register early to help with catering numbers and convoy organisation

11 Dec Winching and Recovery Exercise

2011-019

Trip Leader: Peter Reynolds

Phone: 02 6251 1258 (h); 0428 623 458 (m)

Limit: 12 people

Start: 8:30 AM

Meeting Place: Casuarina Sands

Requirements: Basic driver training, vehicle with electric winch or hand winch, full recovery kit

Description: Winches are great if they are working and you know how to use them. This training day will help on both counts.

Comments: You must phone Peter to book this event

11 Dec Brindabella Classic

2011-076

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick

Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com

Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)

Limit: 8 vehicles

Grade: 2

Start: 8:30 AM

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Meeting Place: Uriarra Homestead
Fuel: Full tank
Maps: ACT Region (1/100 000) and 1/25 000 maps of Bobbys Plains, Couragago, Umburra and Cotter Dam
Requirements: Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle, morning tea and lunch. Camera, binoculars and a chair are also a good idea. Bow saw / axe for track clearing if necessary.
Description: This day trip is a great way for new members to explore Canberra's back yard or more experienced members to also enjoy a day in the Brindabella mountains. We meet at Uriarra Homestead and then head to Picadilly Circus following Brindabella/Tumut Road. Take Gentle Annie fire trail to Flea Creek on the Goodradigbee River for morning tea. We will climb up Webbs Ridge to approximately 1200 metres and then on past the power lines to Waterfall fire trail. Dropping to the river again lunch will be at Lowells Flat or McIntyres Hut. Backtrack to Waterfall fire trail then Foley FT and Doctors Flat Rd and an afternoon stop at Pig Hill summit and finally air up and head for home
Comments: There is a pit toilet at Flea Creek

14 - 18 Dec **Vic Alps recce**

2011-073

Trip Leader: Chris & Julie Nicholls
Email: calypso1@gmail.com
Phone: 02 6291 0849 (h)
Limit: 7 vehicles
Grade: 3
Start: 8:30 AM
Requirements: 4wd with good ground clearance and low-range capability, all-terrain tyres with good tread, basic recovery gear and recovery points front and rear, air compressor, UHF CB, self-sufficiency in food and water for several days, hot/cold/wet-weather camping gear and clothing, 400km fuel range including some low-range work.
Description: I'd like to use this trip to recce a few tracks and campsites that I'll be using in later trips, and also to revisit some old haunts that I haven't visited for some time. I think the time - two weeks before Christmas - should give us good weather and a quiet time in the mountains with fewer people about. This is mainly a touring trip with a few serious 4wd sections thrown in to keep us on our toes. Pub lunches are a distinct possibility.
Comments: Because this is basically a recce trip the route will be flexible in response to weather, whimsy and the pace the party feels like maintaining. I have an outline route that includes Paddy River Dam (west of Talbingo Pondage), Nariel Valley, Buenba Flat, Omeo, Swifts Creek, Moscow Villa, and Davies Plain. The serious 4wd sections include the RWAP and Pheasant Creek tracks, the Garron Point Track through Hells Gate, and the Mt Misery trail and Davies Plain.

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17 - 18 Dec Yarrangobilly to Cotter Dam

2011-078

- Trip Leader: Shirley Conn
Email: ConnFamily1@optusnet.com.au; shirley.Conn@dadhc.NSW.Gov.au
Phone: 02 6238 2622 (h); 02 6128 9200 (w); 0414 382 622 (m)
Limit: 8 vehicles
Grade: 2
Start: 8:00 AM
Meeting Place: Bredbo Service Station
Fuel: Top up with fuel in Cooma prior to travelling along the Snowy Mountains Highway towards Talbingo
Maps: LPI map Snowy Kosciuszko Map
Requirements: all food, fuel, full recovery gear vehicle in good working order, Basic Driver training
Description: This trek will take you through the northern section of Kosciuszko National Park, past the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme's Tantangara Dam. We'll head north towards Blue Waterholes Trail. We will camp in this vicinity. On day 2 we'll leave the National Park and head towards Wee Jasper via Boundary Road, Barnetts Road before meeting the Wee Jasper - Brindabelle Rd and conclude at the Cotter Dam.
Comments: Route is classed as easy. Route conditions to be checked prior to trip. A number of original graziers huts and homesteads remain. The homestead complex at Currango and Coolamine have been carefully restored. There are limestone caves to be explored at Blue Waterholes.

26 - 29 Jan High Country Hillbillies 2012

2012-002

- Trip Leader: Greg and Vickie Taylor
Email: greg.j.taylor@bigpond.com
Phone: 02 6241 3547 (h); 0401 710 071 (m)
Limit: 30 vehicles
Grade: 3
Start: 8:00 AM
Meeting Place: Williamsdale
Fuel: Top up at Jindabyne for winter diesel mix. Discuss with Trip Leader if you have little capacity as you may need to carry additional fuel. Can also top up at Seldom Seen, Gelantipy, Delegate or Bombala.
Maps: Hema High Country Victoria Eastern Sheet 1:200,000. Various 1:25,000 maps.
Requirements: Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle with good clearance, blind for water crossings, food water and cooking stove, bush saw/axe, tyre chains if you have them, supplies for happy hour and pot luck dinner.
Description: South to Jindabyne for a top up with winter mix fuel, then across the Murray River at Tom Groggin. We will head up to Mt Pinnibar, Mt Anderson, Mt Gibbo and camp overnight at Buenba Flat and have a happy hour to celebrate Australia Day! Buckwong Hut, Limestone Rd/Black Mountain Rd to Little River Junction or McKillop Bridge for our second camp. Then the Deddick Fire Trail to Waratah Flat for our third camp and a pot luck dinner. We will wander through Delegate and the Delegate River Tunnel then Bombala and home.
Comments: This is the plan but may deviate due to weather or track conditions. There are some toilets on this route and in most of the camping areas but cannot be guaranteed. So, don't forget your shovel, toilet paper and a big smile.

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11 - 12 Feb 4WD Spectacular and Camping Show

2012-003

Email: marjorie.jones@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 0427 284 236 (m)

Limit: unlimited

Start: 12:00 AM

Meeting Place: Queanbeyan Showground

Description: This Show is run every two years by ST4WD, Landrover and the ACT Clubs. This is our major bi-annual event for our Club. Put these dates in your diary now! The Club needs lots of help before and particularly during the Show where we need people to staff our Club tent, talk to visitors, help with parking control, work on the test track and be of general assistance in many other ways. There will be at least 120 commercial stands which will offer significant discounts on their products. There is also no better way in Australia to try out new 4WDs. Be there to help YOUR Club and enjoy the benefits and bargains while contributing to charities.

10 - 17 Mar Vic High Mountain Country

2012-001

Trip Leader: Michael Patrick

Email: michael.patrick2@bigpond.com

Phone: 0412 377 941 (m)

Limit: 12 vehicles

Grade: 3

Start: 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: National Dinosaur Museum, Barton Highway

Fuel: Full tank at start

Maps: NSW South, Hema Victoria East Gippsland, Hema High Country Victoria West

Requirements: Basic driver training, basic recovery gear, UHF radio, good tyres, well maintained and reliable vehicle which should have good ground clearance (vehicles that have standard suspension will require approval by the trip leader), camping gear including gas stove for cooking (possible fire restriction could be enforce), food and water to last 4 days. Bow saw/axe for track clearing (chain saw if you have one), and a blind/tarp for water crossing. If you have tyre chains bring them along. Fuel to cover 400kms in low range.

Description: Travel via Hume Highway to Bright and camp over night. From there will will make our way to Dargo and camp. We will then travel the numerous tracks around this area ie. Haunted Stream, Billy Goat and the Infamous Franks Track. We will also explore the Grant Historic Mining area. Return trip will be via Omeo and Tumut. This is a flexible trip due to the nature of the Victorian High Country so each day's proposed plans may change.

Comments: This trip will encounter steep mountain trails and long deep descents into valleys. There will be quite a few water crossings at varying depths (blinds may be required). The mountain environment can change at any time so be prepared for hot and possibly cold extreme conditions. Camping will be at different sites. Long drops are available at all camp sites but not showers. Hot showers will be available at Dargo and Swifts Creek. There is a definite possibility that some vehicle recoveries may be required

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Presidents Report

Peter Fenwick



It is a year since I first addressed a quarterly as new president just before the 2010 show. Back then we had great expectations but in hindsight they were completely unrealistic. Because of those expectations this has been the toughest year I have experienced in any job. Just how tough is evidenced by the decisions of very hard workers such as Bruce Close, Jacqui Kelly, and David Rossiter to step down from their positions rather than burn out completely. Even Tony Vaughan has indicated that he will not stand again at the AGM in November. He has however agreed to continue with MTEC and the DTU. Even Roger Sheath has indicated that he will likely step down at the AGM. They will all be missed.

It is the realisation that without a strong united voice to represent us, 4wding as we know it will end. This thought and the encouragement and support of many of you that have kept our very small but dedicated executive going. But we can't keep it up indefinitely. You need to consider who you need to nominate and support on the new executive from November. Please look at individual skill levels and commitment as these are crucial to successfully meeting the Association's and its member clubs' needs.

At the AGM in November 2010, the Executive was told in no uncertain terms that the Association must be run in a financially sound way. This effectively directed executive to reorganise the Association on a business basis. We have been doing this. The results can be seen in the current structure of the show, training centre, and need for a secretariat service. To do this Executive has recommended the changes we believe best meet your stated needs and you have endorsed them. This is producing good results.

Achievements

The Association's recent achievements in the past 12 months should be viewed as formalizing Association management processes and implementing KPIs. They are listed below:

- An independent audit of the 2010 show financials. The recommendations from that audit have been implemented. As a result we have an injection of \$60,000.

- Duty statements for executive committee members have been developed. This may account for the lack of nominations for Treasurer and Secretary positions.
- The rationalisation of the Association structure and sub-committees into manageable units.
- The increased emphasis on regional committees and the inclusion of the regional committee chairs in executive committee meetings
- Improved communications prepared by David Rossiter and carried on by Dom that are sent to all clubs, even though many do not publish them in their magazines or on their websites.
- The creation of and the accessibility of the training centre at Eastern Creek for clubs to use
- The partnering of the Association with commercial RTOs delivering 4WD driver training and their interest in being affiliated with us as the peak body
- 2010-11 was the first year a provisional budget was presented to clubs, In general terms our past operational expenses have been about \$65,000 with no major activities or initiatives. We reduced this by about \$11,000 in FY 2010-11 by reducing our web costs and executive not claiming many out-of-pocket expenses.

Look at the actions list in the minutes for a full list of on-going activities.

The sum of \$160,000 to 250,000 the Association supposedly had before the show was not from affiliation fees, but mainly from a levy for the support for the ORP and possible legal challenges. We ceased our support of the ORP some years ago. At year end 2010 the audited Association equity was ONLY \$52,000.

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Two new Vice-presidents,

Liz Aitkin (Suzuki Club) and Craig Thomas (Triple Diamond) have taken office and a new communications manager/webmaster, Dom Fitzgibbon (Triple Diamond). All bring formidable skills to our team. I look forward to working closely with them. Liz is looking after Regional Committees as her prime focus; this should help regional committees develop greater strength generally and a better grasp of dealing with local land managers. Remember all Regional Chairs are invited to participate in Executive Committee meetings of the Association as ex-officio members. Craig is from the Sydney region and will assist in general operations and assist Roger with land and access matters.

Business plan

The Association's business plan is under review managed by Liz, and will incorporate a financial plan.

In general terms our past expenses have been of the order of \$65,000 with no major activities or initiatives. Unfortunately I do not have details of previous years to hand as I am travelling to validate previous years financials. The forecast is quite simple. Every year, cost go up, fuel that should be reimbursed, (travel) phone cost, printing, even the accountants fees tend to get higher, these charges are not catered for. They are in many people's life with wage increases etc. If not catered for the forecast is the any surplus is getting to be less and less. so if we retail \$6.00 per member this year we will only retain \$5.85 or less next year.

Why do we need a surplus? Well there are things that members expect the Association to cover; J12 for example, the catering for Camp Quality, cover clubs who cater for Quarterly meetings, the registration cost on the trailers keeps creeping up along with the pink slip cost and maintenance.

The running of the Training Centre and the continual upgrade and build is another cost that must be budgeted for. Similarly a position, managing the commercial letting of the Training Centre which needs some dedication and possibly a separate person should be considered for the coming AGM.

So simplistically we can run on the bare minimum, and I am happy for the Clubs to vote that way, or to start to gather some contingency or operating funds. However if you want the Association to run on a shoestring you must be prepared to shoulder more work yourselves.

I suggest that this is the time for clubs to formulate their thoughts on what they see for the future and forward to the committee, as all previous attempts for input over the last 5 years has met with only 8 contributions on the forum but no plans or real contributions were submitted.

Association Birthday

The Association is 35 years old this year. That is a major achievement in itself. The Association was formed to carry on the work of the Federation of Off-Road Vehicles formed in November 1971. What are we going to do to celebrate our birthday and our accomplishments?

2011 Adventure Show (August 26-28)

We signed the 3 year contract for the Management Rights to our show with Perth based Premiere Events. As advised at the February meeting Premiere are experienced event managers and run some of the biggest shows in the country including the Adelaide and Perth 4WD shows. This means that our show becomes part of the national circuit with economies of scale across 3 shows for advertising and promotion. This includes support from 4WD Action magazine and Roothy; Look at the show website

<http://www.4wdshow.com.au>

Financially the deal minimizes risk to the Association and puts \$60,000 into our account plus a share of the profits. We have 2 of the 4 seats on the management committee. This is a great outcome and reduces the workload on Association members but we need your support in participating and promoting the show to ensure it is successful. Please link your websites to it.

Member clubs will be able to stage their own exhibit for minimal cost or join the Association's tent display. Camping will be available in a special clubs area. Details available soon.

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There will be an "Extreme Skills" demonstration track run in conjunction with the Training track during the show. Tony Vaughn will coordinate all activities on the track but Chris Tierney has agreed to manage the extreme skills track construction and operation. He will be seeking volunteers from our member clubs competition drivers to demonstrate on the track 3 times daily. This way we strengthen the message that the Association caters for all types of 4WDing from family friendly to extreme skills required for competition. Thank you Chris for stepping up.

Tracks and Access

Roger Sheath, Land and Access coordinator, will provide a full report elsewhere but briefly there has been steady progress on improving access for all member clubs. Negotiations are progressing and I expect some highly positive outcomes in the next few months. The camp host program is gathering strength and Track Classification training, to implement the nationally endorsed Victorian track classification scheme, is about to start in NSW and the ACT.

The 4WD Consultative Group next met in June. The group consists of the NSW Land & Property Management Authority, Forests NSW, NSW NPWS and 4WD NSW & ACT. Apparently some good publicity has come of this as the Motorcycle Council of NSW is interested in working with us on access matters. More news as this develops. Next meeting is in October. Our track reports are highly valued by the group.

MTEC and Training Centre (Eastern Creek)

Tony Vaughan, Clifford Stephenson, George Cottee and I met with the VTAB auditors as part of our RTO status responsibilities. I am pleased to report that due to the excellent work of the other members of the panel we were complimented by the auditors on the thoroughness of our documentation and processes in delivering training to our members. Due to regulatory changes there were a few minor items we needed to modify to meet the new requirements. The panel has successfully completed this and is awaiting formal notification of our renewed status as an RTO. Thank you for all the hard work.

The Training Centre at Eastern Creek is developing well. A shipping container and shelter where we plan to display all member club logos on the track side and the Association logo and signage facing the highway to increase public awareness have been installed thanks to all especially the Timmons clan.

The number of commercial trainers using the facility increases steadily with Vic Widman and Nissan Australia (in conjunction with Getabout) being the newest. The next major effort will be fencing the track for safety and to minimize unapproved access

We have agreed in principle on a lease structure with Sydney Dragway to be implemented in late September early October 2011 for a period of 3 years. This will be reviewed after 12 months of full commercial operation. This provides a solid measure of security in our tenure of the training facility. We are also likely to gain use of a dirt high speed access road for training purposes.

Legislative matters (VSI 50 etc)

VSI 50 continues to cause us concern. I am hopeful that the excellent work done over the last nearly three years by our consultative team is likely to bear positive results in the near future. Discussions with the new NSW Government will take place soon.

The proposed changes to the ADRs on bull bars has been defeated thanks to our membership of 4WD Australia and their joint representation with AAAA to the Federal Government which resulted in the Honourable Catherine King MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport, issuing a media release that the proposed ADR changes were NOT Suitable for Australian conditions. The AAAA sponsored survey you all contributed to received over 50,000 responses and demonstrated the results of working through your Associations while adding to our representative credibility; well done.

Affiliation Fees

It would be irresponsible for any management team to rely on projected income without considering all income streams. This includes membership fees which I raised in my very first President's report in May 2010. Under our constitution we must decide 12 months in advance if there will be any change in fees. This is to enable clubs to budget effectively. 12 months is a long time for implementation to trail decision making. If an increase is approved it will be the first increase in 7 years by the time it takes effect. That is why there is a motion to increase fees on the agenda for this quarterly; to get the matter of a \$2.50 in-

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The other reason we need a fee increase is to meet the future cost of the secretariat service. Even if an increase is approved we will be over 12 months behind on meeting this expense.

This Association cannot operate effectively without staff because we do not have enough volunteers to cover the required workload. Even without a Secretary or a Treasurer we must still meet our management obligations. To do this we need a Secretariat service to support the existing executive committee in the day-to-day operation of the Association. To ignore this need or to accept a volunteer with good intentions but inappropriate skills and experience would be irresponsible. It is also irresponsible to burn out those volunteers prepared to take on executive or sub-committee roles.

The decision making powers of Secretary and Treasurer will remain with the executive committee but the day-to-day tasks of correspondence, account entry and administrative support will need to be contracted to a provider.

The AGM November 2011

I urge all clubs to consider their aspirations for the Association in the next 12 months. To achieve those aspirations you will need to nominate and support new executive members. Please look at individual skill levels and commitment as these are crucial to successfully meeting the Association's and its member clubs' needs. A full executive will mean a more successful Association.

Peter Fenwick | President – 4WD NSW & ACT Inc.
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Please remember the perils of beach driving and take care



“SAFE ONE” BASIC 4WD VEHICLE OPERATION COURSE

*The Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club conducts **two-day weekend Driver Training** exercises, with **Follow-up Days** on the Sundays, 1 week later.*

Purpose:

To introduce new & old club members to vehicle equipment, daily maintenance, recovery techniques & equipment, and in particular teach them the skills necessary to safely operate their 4WD in a variety of terrains.

Meeting Time/Place:

Service Station in Bredbo (right hand side of highway) no later than **7.00pm** on the Friday evening preceding the course.

**The Club's Education Coordinator is Peter Reynolds,
Tel (h) 6251-1258 or (m) 0428 623-458.**

PLEASE BOOK A PLACE ON ONE OF THESE COURSES WELL IN ADVANCE AND ALSO RING PETER ONE WEEK BEFORE THE COURSE TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE!

IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PLACE ON THE COURSE

ONLY ONE DRIVER PER VEHICLE PER COURSE, THOUGH A SUPPORT CREW IS WELCOME.

COURSES FOR 2011 WILL BE HELD ON

14-15 MAY	WITH FOLLOW-UP ON	22 MAY
17-18 SEPTEMBER	WITH FOLLOW-UP ON	25 SEPTEMBER
12-13 NOVEMBER	WITH FOLLOW-UP ON	20 NOVEMBER

WHAT TO BRING

Yourself & family and a 4WD in good mechanical condition
Camping gear for overnight stay
Food and Cooking gear for 2 days
Chairs to sit on in lessons and around the fire
Recovery gear, if you have it, but not essential
Garbage bags for all your rubbish to take home
Notebook & pen
Camera
A full tank of fuel
Torch
Drinking water.
UHF Radio (optional – talk to Peter)
Front and Rear Recovery Points preferred.

There is a large First Aid Kit at Talooge. Also a large gas BBQ

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS OR FIREARMS.

ST4WDC History

Jim Raeligh



The following was learned from a telephone call with the founding President of ST4WDC (Roy Worth) on 2 June 2010.

The genesis of the idea to start a new 4WD club in the Canberra region was developed at a meeting in October 1976 at the home of Roy and Anita Worth. Present at the meeting were Dean and Mary Benedetti and Geoff and Barbara Fisher, all of whom were members of the Land Rover Club (LRC). The principal factor contributing to their decision to proceed was that the LRC was drifting away from family oriented four wheel driving and tending more towards the extreme sports side.

Following the decision to proceed, an advertisement was placed in the Canberra Times seeking expressions of interest, and interested parties undertook a door knocking initiative on properties with a 4WD in the driveway. These were aimed at encouraging as many as possible interested families to attend an inaugural meeting on 16 November 1976. Although the exact location of the meeting cannot be recalled, it was held in a 'Factory complex in Fyshwick' and may well have been the premises of ACT Forklift Repairs, a company run by Dean Benedetti at the time.

Following a decision at that meeting, the ST4WDC was formed with the following interim office bearers:

President	Roy Worth
Secretary	Dean Benedetti
Treasurer	Dean Benedetti
Events & Trips	Peter Phillips
Publications	Ian Boardman
Assistant Trips	Peter Nott

Considerable assistance in establishing the club was given by Alan Dixon and Rod Scott of the LRC, Rod being the then President and Alan an office bearer in the LRC.

The origin of the clubs original postal address (PO Box 661, Fyshwick), which continued in use until 2009, was that it was the business address of Dean Benedetti's business in Fyshwick.

Following the establishment of the ST4WDC, Roy Worth, who was the magazine Editor for the LRC at the time, tendered his resignation on the basis of conflict of interest; however the Committee of the LRC would not accept it.

From Roy – 3 Jun 10

This photo is of the ST4WDC 1st trip on 28 Nov 1976 under power lines between Two Sticks Rd and Webb's Range.



From Roy – 7 Jun 10

An interesting recollection is the actual printing of the magazine. Anita typed the stories, etc. onto the carbon Gestetner sheets for printing. We had purchased an old manual machine for \$30. The printing room was a bedroom in our home and the entire magazine was collated for X number of recipients, by Anita & Roy and Geoff and Barbara Fisher. This became a big project and in time, was taken eventually taken over by a member who actually owned a printing business, name escapes us.

We have quite a number of photographs, the camps, the mud, the steep ups and downs and other difficulties we faced so will sort through them and forward them with the appropriate notations.

NOTE by JR: I am endeavoring to arrange for the latter photographs to be scanned and added to our 'library' which is probably best maintained on the new web site.

Minutes of ST4WDC Inaugural Meeting



Minutes of meeting held at 129 Newcastle Street, Fyshwick, A.C.T. on Tuesday, 16th November, 1976 at 8.00 p.m.

All present were welcomed by meeting organisers, DEAN BENEDETTI and ROY WORTH and then introductions were exchanged.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Rod Scott, Godfrey O'Neill, Neil Donoghue, Max Chapman and Peter Mills.

The meeting was then opened by DEAN BENEDETTI who proceeded to explain to all present the aims and intentions of the Club, along with its benefits to intending members.

It was also put forward that an Interim Committee be elected at this stage so that the Club could commence to function and draw up its constitution and put its proposals into action.

The Secretary of the Landrover Club of the A.C.T., ALLAN DIXON, was then invited to chair the meeting, whilst nomination for the Committee positions were received and the subsequent successful nominees elected to office.

The Club would like to thank ALLAN DIXON for his assistance through-out the night.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS CALLED FOR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT:

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Nominated By:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>
Roy Worth	Ian Boardman	Geoff Fisher

Elected: Roy Worth Unopposed

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Nominated By:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>
Dean Benedetti	Ian Boardman	Gary Moore

Elected: Dean Benedetti Unopposed

EDITOR:

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Nominated By:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>
Ian Boardman	Dudley Nicol	Roy Worth

Elected: Ian Boardman Unopposed

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Nominated By:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>
Warwick Johnson	Ian Boardman	Geoff Fisher
Peter Phillips	Ray Worth	Ian Boardman

Elected: Peter Phillips 22 to 9

ASSISTANT TRIP CO-ORDINATOR:

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Nominated By:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>
Warwick Johnson	Geoff Fisher	Mick Swain
Peter Nott	Dean Benedetti	Roslyn Nott
Geoff Fisher	Ian Boardman	Peter Phillips

Elected: Peter Nott votes 25/56/3

It was agreed that only the above Committee positions be held until the Club substantiates itself.

With the Committee elected, the meeting was officially opened by ROY WORTH and applications for membership forms were passed around to all present; these were subsequently completed and handed in for acceptance to the Club at this meeting.

Minutes of ST4WDC Inaugural Meeting



A total of thirty-five (35) applications were received. They are as follows, in alphabetical order:

BENEDETTI, Dean & Mary
BLANK, Willi & Erika
BOARDMAN, Ian & Mary
BOWMAN, Bill & Robyn
CALVERT, Leslie
CARNALL, Kevin & Karen
CHAPMAN, Max & Elaine
COLEY, Denis & Joan
COLLINS, Barry
DIXON, Allan
DONOGHOE, Neil & Lucy
DUGGAN, Michael & Kay
FLETCHER, Robert
FISHER, Geoff & Barbara
GRECH, Mario
GRANT, Robert
HARRIS, Ian
HENDERSON, Glen & Alison
JOHNSON, Warwick & Bev
KAZ, Peter
LENNOX, Danny & Patricia
LOGAN, Alan & Shirley
LOVE, Terry
LUSIS, George
MOORE, Gary & Kay
MILLER, Robert
NEIL, Iain & CUELL, Diane
NICOL, Dudley & Margaret
NOTT, Peter & Roslyn
PENTELOW, David & Ali
O'NEILL, Godfrey & Kerry
REID, Max
SMITH, Terry & Susanne
PHILLIPS, Peter & Christine
SHEPHERD, Harry & Pam
SLATER, Raymond
SWAIN, Michael & Mary
TIBBLES, Stephen & Debbie
TILLMANS, Wally
WORTH, Roy & Anita

Acceptance of the applications was moved by D. Benedetti and seconded by Ian Boardman.

NEXT MEETING: This was agreed to be held on Tuesday, 14th December, 1976, and all meetings from there on to be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

MEETING PLACE: This is still indefinite, but all members are to be notified by mail or phone as soon as the location is verified. Notification will also be made by classified advertisement in the Canberra Times under 'Motor Vehicles for Sale' on Saturday, 11th December, 1976.

FIRST ACTIVITY: A suggestion was brought forward by the Committee to hold as our first official event, a picnic-come get to know every-one affair. The event is to consist of approximately two hours moderate four-wheel driving to the arranged place and then a barbeque for several hours and then another moderate drive home. The event will be held as follows:

MEETING PLACE AND TIME: FLETCHER JONES CAR PARK, CIVIC, 9.00 AM, OR EUCUMBENE DRIVE & COTTER ROAD, DUFFY AT 9.15 AM SHARP. TRIP LEADER WILL BE ROY WORTH, TAIL END CHARLIE WILL BE DEAN BENEDETTI. VENUE IS THE JUNCTION OF GOODRADIGBEE RIVER & FLEA CREEK IN THE BRINDABELLAS. BRINDABELLA MAP 1:100,000. PROVISION IS AVAILABLE FOR TWO WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES TO ATTEND THIS TRIP, VISITORS AND FRIENDS WELCOME. BRING NECESSARY BARBEQUE EQUIPMENT, NO EXTRA FUEL REQUIRED.

CLUB'S POSTAL ADDRESS: A suggestion was put forward by Dean Benedetti that the Club use his present Post Office Box address. Acceptance was moved by Dean Benedetti and seconded by Peter Nott and carried.

CLUB FEES: The sum of \$8.50 was suggested as club fees and only a family unit to apply. Acceptance was moved by Roy Worth and seconded by Peter Phillips and carried.

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CLUB BANK ACCOUNT: To enable the Club to have application forms etc. printed prior to 16/11/76, the sum of 4218.38 was loaned to the Club by DEAN BENEDETTI and a SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT opened at the C.B.C. Bank, Fyshwick. Acceptance of loan and bank account was moved by Roslyn Nott and seconded by Barbara Fisher and carried.

REIMBURSEMENT OF LOAN: Re-imbusement of the loan was moved by Ian Boardman and seconded by Barbara Fisher and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Payment of accounts and acceptance of report was moved by Allan Dixon and seconded by Dudley Nicol and carried.

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE ACCOUNT: A motion was put forward that Dean Benedetti and Roy Worth, along with one other member of the Committee be authorised to sign any Club cheques on the basis that two signatures must appear on all cheques. Acceptance of motion was moved by Barbara Fisher and seconded by Gary Moore and carried.

An invitation from the President and the Secretary of the Landrover Club was tendered to all persons present to attend their Club's Slide Night at the Union Building, A.N.U., on Friday, 19th November, 1976. The invitation was to attend as visitors and not as contestants.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 pm after which coffee was served, followed by some short movies.

LATE NOTICE

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE SPANISH-AUSTRALIAN CLUB, 5 NARUPAI STREET, NARRABUNDAH (BEHIND HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB, OFF JERRABOMBERRA AVENUE.)

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28 NOVEMBER 1976

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Trip Leader

Roy and Anita Worth SWB Toyota

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Warwick & Bev Johnson	Jeep
Peter & Kathy Hayden	SWB Toyota
Dennis & Joan Coley	LWB Toyota
Bill & Erica Blank	LWB Toyota
Steve & Debbie Tibbles	SWB Toyota
Russel & Lorraine Seery	Suzuki
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Ray & Kayleen Slater	Suzuki
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Kevin & Janette Purnell	SWB Toyota
Ian & Mary Boardman	SWB Toyota
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MINUTES

Minutes of General Meeting held at the Spanish Club, Narrabundah at 8.00p.m. on Tuesday 14-12-76.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: Rod Scott, Neil Donoghue, Max Chapman, Bill Park, Mr. Kavanaugh and Ian Boardman.

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING: After being circulated to all members, their acceptance was moved by Peter Nott and seconded by Geoff Fisher. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Received from:-

1. Canberra Times.....Account for advertising..... \$ 7.65
2. Progress Press.....Account for advertising..... \$36.80
3. Kelly's Embroideries... Offering to make up cloth club badges.
4. Supa-stik Labels.....Proof copy of all weather club labels.
5. A.C.T. Sports Council...views to the possibility of our club affiliating.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Supa-stik Labels.....Confirming our acceptance of proof copy of labels.
2. It was also agreed that the club compile a mailing list of major four wheel clubs from other states as well as Federal and State Government departments. Acceptance of correspondence was moved by Dudley Nicol, seconded by Max Reid. Carried.

VISITORS: All visitors were welcomed by the President.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Were received from:-

Paul & Christine Strickland	Maxwell & Edna James
Peter & Kathy Heydon	William & Gwen Park
Louis & Jacinta Guevara	Russell & Lorraine Seery
Henning & Hilary Therkildsen	

TREASURERS REPORT: Bank balance as at 13-12-76 was \$312-46. Acceptance of report was moved by Allan Dixon and seconded by Peter Phillips. Carried.

PAST EVENTS: Our only trip to date was on the 28th November, 1976. Peter Phillips gave a brief report.

FUTURE EVENTS:

9th January One day trip to to the Tinderry's.
 No extra fuel.
 Gas cooking equipment only.
 Michelago 1:100,000 Map.
Meeting Place: Fletcher Jones Car Park, Civic at 8.30a.m.
 Cusacks VW Service Station, Lowe street,
 Queanbeyan at 8.45a.m.

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TRIP LEADER: Roy Worth

NOTE

This trip is described as "Rough".

11th January General Meeting at the Spanish Club, Narrabundah.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Club stickers will be available by Christmas at a cost of \$ 1.50 Contact D. Benedetti on 95-3531 of 31-9463.

N.S.W. VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE: (Familiarisation Trial)

The Brigade is a voluntary unit and is always looking for volunteers who can assist in an emergency. This trial is to assist those interested in learning how to operate the equipment and vehicles that the brigade has in use.

PETER NOTT has obtained 38 maps of the Southern Tablelands region for the club library at a cost of \$38.00 (normally \$57.00).

SEVERAL business houses in the area have agreed to advertise in our club magazine, and we are still negotiating with others. The three cover positions have been taken by Shepherd Bros., Garmac Garages and Hiscocks.

WE need some Trip Leaders! for the forthcoming year. Any interested person please note the page under the heading "Future Trips", or contact the Trip Co-Ordinator.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION: This was passed around for all club members present, were read and discussed and amendments as necessary were made. It is hoped that the amended constitution will appear in the January issue of our magazine where it will be tendered for acceptance.

THE question of dogs and cats on club trips was brought up and there was quite a few different views put forward both for and against. It was decided that at this stage, we allow people to bring their pets provided that the area we are entering allows animals (dogs or cats) to enter, and at all other times they must be kept under strict control.

THE meeting closed at 10.30 p.m. and was followed by supper and drinks.

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TRIP REPORT

BRINDABELLA TRIP

28th November, 1976

Shortly after 9.00 am on Sunday 28th November, '76, 14 vehicles departed from the Fletcher Jones car park to head to Flea Creek in the Brindabella Mountains.

At the junction of the Cotter road and Eucumbene drive, more vehicles joined the convoy making a total of 21 vehicles on the trip.

The convoy then headed towards the Cotter, turning left onto the Paddy's River road. We travelled along this road until the Pierces Creek turn-off, where we travelled on the southern side of Sugarloaf Mountain until reaching the Pierces creek floodway. The convoy then made its way to Vanity Crossing and soon after reached the Brindabella creek road. At this point the convoy stopped, and a check of vehicles revealed "no tail-end charlie". (this mishap would have been avoided if radio contact was available).

After crossing the Brindabella road just east of Picadilly Circus, the convoy travelled up under the power transmission lines, where we reached a good vantage point for spectacular views towards Canberra. The camera buffs were evident at this stage. The convoy then moved off and headed towards Picadilly Circus along the Brindabella road. We then turned off to the right and proceeded down some steep declines, arriving at the Flea Creek, Goodradigbee river junction at about 11.30 am. Everyone was surprised to see tail-end charlie at the picnic spot and even more surprised when they heard "where have you been?"

Everyone sought out the ideal picnic spot, and so we all enjoyed a quiet lunch break. It was noticed that even some of the wingless birds took advantage of the warm weather to improve the tan.

Around 2.30pm it was decided to move off on the return journey, although two of the vehicles present opted to go fishing.

The convoy then moved off along the Webbs Range spur where some good four wheel driving was encountered and some magnificent scenery was observed. The convoy then turned right at the power line, crossing Caree creek, then up onto two sticks road. At this point we were re-joined by the two other vehicles we had left behind at the picnic point. (maybe the fish weren't biting?)

The convoy headed in a generally easterly direction along two sticks road until descending out of the mountain area onto Mountain Creek road. The views around this area are most beautiful and a satisfactory conclusion to a wonderful day.

About half a mile from the Uriarra road junction, the convoy stopped for a short break, and most of the vehicles dispersed to head home.

Only a few very minor problems were encountered on the trip which would not have occurred if two-way radios were available.

Anita Worth/Geoff Fisher

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ROVING REPORT

BY: "HUBS"

FIRE TRAINING EXERCISE :

On Saturday 18th December last, club members Roy Worth, Dean Benedetti, Geoff Fisher, Mario Grech, Paul Strickland and Ian Boardman attended a practical demonstration of bush fire control under the supervision of veteran Neil Donoghue.

The area chosen was east of the Queanbeyan area on the lucerne flat situated at Amey's old farm. The lads proceeded to hose anything and everything in sight, including themselves. However, Benedetti escaped a drenching by operating the strongest fire hose thus not allowing anyone to get anywhere near him. His luck ran out when someone had the bright idea of cutting off his water. Deano took flight into the scrub with Fisher after him in the fire truck, all hoses going full tilt. By running into a thickly wooded area, the Dean did escape, for a time anyway.

When the fun subsided and every one dried out, a truce was called to allow Neil to explain the finer points of the equipment, and its correct operation.

We all boarded the Studi for a down hill excursion to the river to be shown re-fill procedure. Just after moving off, Worthless was able to empty the contents of a fire bucket over the head of an unsuspecting Benedetti. The war was on again with napsacks being used to the fullest extent. The fun came to an abrupt end when the Studi, with Fisher at the helm, decided to jump out of gear going down a

steep decline. Many worried looks on all faces as 6 tons of monster was rapidly gaining speed. Thankfully the brakes held, and the Fish was able to re-engage the necessary gogs. When we stopped at the river Geoff emerged from the cab looking pleased with himself. (Or was it just blind terror playing havoc with his nerves?). We will never know.

After a successful afternoon in the scrub, we returned to the depot to refill. Benedetti was able to catch Worthless unawares as he connected the re-fill line from the hydrant. His action also managed to soak Fisher and Boardman also. Oh! for the next fire training session.

oooo Ooooo

Quick to seize an opportunity for a quick jaunt in the scrub was Warick Johnson and his jeep. Accompanied by Roy Worth, Geoff Fisher, Ian Boardman, and a brand new swb Land rover (name unknown) this group of nuts headed into a training area at the western side of Mt. Jerrabomberra. The little jeep came into its own in tight areas, but we all managed to remain honest, even if we were hung up on a few logs, rocks and gullies. This area would be a fantastic area for anyone wishing to broaden their four wheel drive experience.

Hopefully in the next issue we will be able to print some photo's which were taken, including Boardman going over a hump in true rally style, with the rear well into the air !

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FUTURE TRIPS

As you will appreciate, the club needs to formulate a Trip Calendar for the first six months of 1977. Therefore I would ask any member who would like to either lead a trip or visit a particular place to contact Peter Phillips or me as soon as possible.

Trips are what a Four Wheel Drive Club is all about, so please don't be shy about leading a trip anywhere you would like to go.

All that a trip leader is required to do is :-

- (a) plan the route, making allowances for lunch breaks and camping places etc.;
- (b) grade the trip for difficulty;
- (c) take the particulars of vehicles etc. at the beginning of the trip;
- (d) physically lead the trip;
- (e) write a brief trip report for the club magazine.

No special qualities are needed in a trip leader except a desire to provide an enjoyable trip and a certain amount of common sense.

If you have a trip you would like to lead, please fill in the form at the bottom of this page, and hand it in at the next meeting.

P.D.NOTT

TRIP CO-ORDINATOR,

I would like to lead a Club Trip to

The following dates would be suitable

.....

.....

The trip would be ofday/s duration.

Signed:

Phone: Business

Home



CONVOY PROCEDURE

For those people who haven't been members of a four wheel drive club, I would like to explain what is meant by "Convoy Procedure".

Obviously, when a number of vehicles attend a club trip, there is a need for some form of control on who is where at any given time. This control is effected by the following means:-

- (i) The trip leader before leaving the starting point notes the total number of vehicles, the registration number and type of each vehicle, and the names of drivers and passengers. Before starting the trip he will also nominate a "Tail - end Charlie".
- (ii) The trip leader will then briefly describe the route to be travelled and will state where convoy procedure is to commence. (often some sealed road driving is necessary and it is impracticable to use convoy procedure on the highway). He will also check that each vehicle has sufficient fuel for the round trip, or sufficient to reach the next fueling stop.
- (iii) When convoy procedure commences, each driver is required to keep the vehicle behind in sight at all times. He should also maintain a distance of 50 to 60 yards between the vehicle in front and his own vehicle. If the driver observes the vehicle behind is no longer following, he should stop immediately, and thus eventually the whole convoy will stop.

In conclusion I would only like to add that convoy procedure is not difficult, and as it is the means of ensuring the safety of all vehicles present on a club trip, it is imperative that each driver play his part.

If the correct procedure is followed, disruption to the trip will be held to a minimum, and the best possible time will be had by all.

P.D. NOTT

Assistant Trip Co-Ordinator



WHAT TO TAKE

Several times recently people have asked me what type of gear they should take on a club trip, so I have compiled a short list of the necessities and the desirables.

NECESSITIES

Petrol and water
Food (depending on trip duration)
Cooking gear
Cigarette lighter
Waterproof matches
Maps
Can opener
Eating utensils
Pocket knife
Change of clothing (particularly socks)
Heavy overcoat (irrespective of weather)
Woollen jumper
Jack
Tool kit (the bigger the better)
Sleeping bag
Piece of canvas (water proof)
Puncture repair kit
Tyre levers
Fan belt

DESIRABLES

Wire sling (slings)
Length of cable
Spare parts
Oil
Brake fluid
Shovel
Axe (and stone)
Chainsaw (if you own one)
Winch (if you own one)
Hi-lift jack
Length of rope
Fire extinguisher
Assortment of nuts & bolts
Hacksaw and blades
Electrical wire
WD 40 (waterproofing)
Radiator hoses
D-shackles
Head gasket

Please note that this is a suggested list only. Some people may decide they need to take less, some more. However, it is a guide to help you decide what you need.

P.D. NOTT

Assistant Trip Co-ordinator

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HUMOR

* Then there was the Irishman who took his tie back to the shop because it was too tight.....

* Paddy, "I'm a bit worried about that handgrenade on the back seat. What happens if it goes off?"

Sean, "Never mind. We have plenty of spares in the boot ! "

* Why do Irishmen walk in three's? Because one can read, one can write, and the other wants to be seen with intellectuals !

— ROAD TEST —

WOOLWORTHS TROLLEY

Kindly supplied by Woolworths, Q'beyan.

It was a warm summer morning when we took delivery of a new chrome trolley with only a few shopping miles clocked up. Fortunately, we were blessed with the jumbo size; suitable for the bulk of our road tester and assistants.

At 9.30 am we set off for a quick sprint around the car park to test the handling. Quite satisfactory, except in tight turns, where it became evident that the standard tyres were un-satisfactory. It was later found that these tyres are extremely good in dirt!

The general construction of the beast was quite good, and ample chrome would make this vehicle a show car in the true hot-rodders sense, including the as standard child seat in the rear. (It was found the seat becomes somewhat hard if sat in for any longer than 10 seconds). The chassis is of spaceframe construction, with 1/16th" bracing. The over-all height tends to give the carriage a high centre of gravity causing sudden turn-overs if driven at any speed. The rake at the front causes severe understeer, which can be overcome by loading all the heavy items to the rear. The carrying capacity of the pick-up bed is fantastic, and can be overloaded by two feet!

The worst point of the test was found in the steering department. The shudder from the front end could not be cured, even after a dynamic balance over a anvil. Wide wheels and tyres are no better, although 100" wide sections on the rear did help steady the understeer to a certain degree.

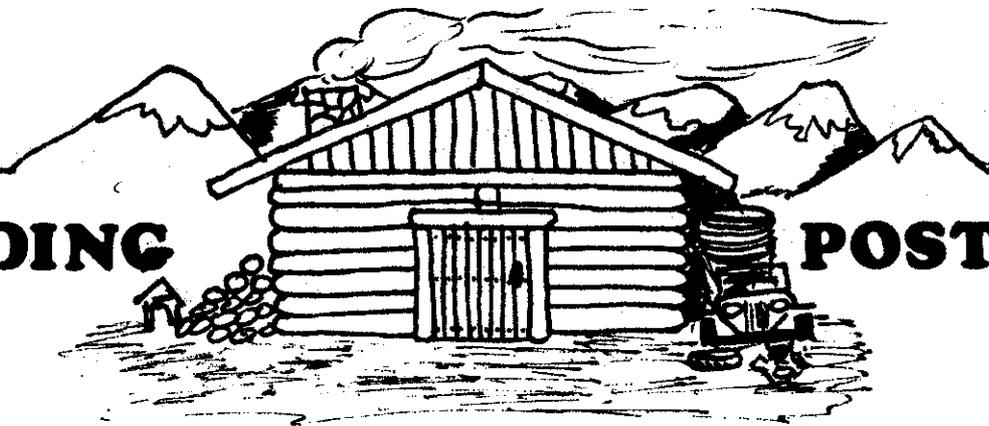
Basically, the trolley is a sound investment, suitable for the lady of the house. There were some good points, and some bad. (mostly bad). A soft top was unavailable at time of printing, and as such would allow rain to pour in ! No body panels also allows goodies to fall out, etc

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ST4WDC TIME OUT

Elephants—Did you know?

Elephants are the largest of all land animals in the world.

It takes a female 22 months from conception to have a baby. This is longer than any other animal in the world.

A newborn elephant can stand up shortly after being born. They can weigh up to 260 pounds.

The average life span for an elephant in the wild is from 50 to 70 years. The oldest known elephant in the world lived to be 82 years of age.

The heaviest elephant in the world weighed 26,000 pounds.

The word elephant means ivory.

It is only a myth that elephants are afraid of mice. This legend states that the mice can run up the trunk and suffocate them but there is no truth to this at all.

D	A	M	P	E	R	S	T	E	W	H	S	C
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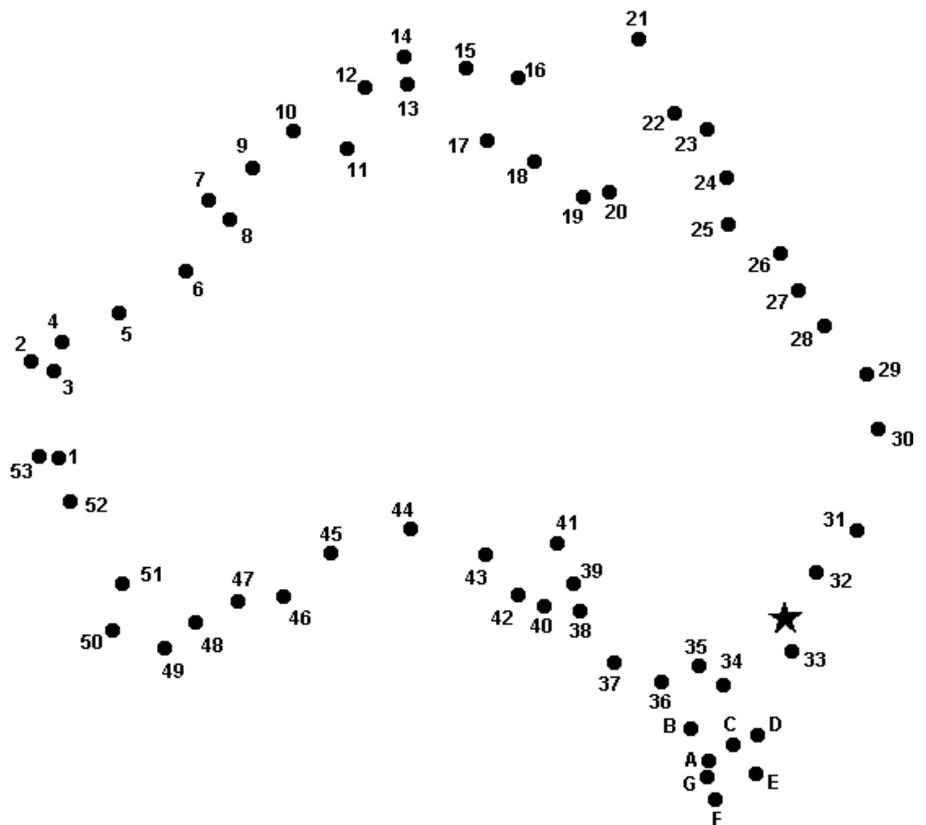
What is then next number?

200 120 80 60 50 ?

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| DAMPER | ONIONS | VEAL |
| CAMP OVEN | CHEESE | |
| BILLY | CRACKERS | |
| FIRE | DIP | |
| HAPPY HOUR | CRISPS | |
| CURRY POW-
DER | JAM | |
| MILK | SCONES | |
| BUTTER | CEREAL | |
| CHICKEN | STEW | |
| STEAK | CAKE | |
| POTATOES | SLICE | |
| | BREAD | |

How many words can you create from these letters?

A	L	N	H
B	T	L	G
C	W	F	R
T	K	O	S



FOR SALE/WANTED/LOST/FOUND



Advertising on this page is **free to members** but is restricted to

Two Months. Non-members will be charged \$20 per advertisement for 5 lines for the same period.



Redback Explorer heavy duty off-road camper trailer built mid 2007; galvanised body; large alloy storage box at front; 16 ins wheels; on-board battery; 16' x 8' 6" camper top plus 8' awning; 12v wiring with 4 outlets; electric brakes plus over-ride as back-up; 70 lit water tank; kitchen on tailgate with gas stove and grill; queen size mattress; storage frame in body of trailer; excellent condition and well below current replacement cost. \$15,900 Call David Whight on 0438882696

For sale

5 x 20 Lt red plastic willow jerry cans - \$10 each
4 x 16" Pajero steel rims (NM/NP) silver, never used - \$100 the lot.

Wheel Rim. One only, 5 stud, 16 inch by 7inch alloy rim (7.0JX16 AH2 / ET57.0 / E-DOT) as new, ex Disco. Free to good home (or truck).

Call Jim on 6291 6392 or 0427 483911

Tent, large (4.5x3) canvas 2 room plus awning, includes fly, pegs, ropes and poles - \$250

Contact: Rick Holland (0412 335 962)

Toyota Landcruiser 2004 100 Series GXLWhite Factory turbo, diesel, 5 speed manual, ARB bull bar, IPF driving lights, 3 batteries located under the bonnet, hands free phone kit. Has done 238,000 kms, 95% done on the highway by the previous owner, who was the CEO of the Stockman Hall of Fame in Long Reach. \$37,700 ono Ph Rob 0434 410 046

Generator: Honda Handy Inverter EU30i 3kva, 12 months old and never used comes with lock up cable, tools and manual. Cost almost \$4000.00 asking \$3000.00.

Tyres Coopers : 5x LT245/75 X16 ATR.

4X Traveled approx 2000km

1x spare never used.

paid \$1500.00 asking \$1000.00.

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Never used sat on back as spare

Will sell for **\$290.00**

Contact Michael 0412377941

Club Clothing

The Club clothing or a name badge can be ordered from Kathy Solomos at the monthly Meetings.

Payment for any item is expected when ordering.

- Jackets: \$75:00**
- Shirts: \$37:50**
- Vests: \$47:50**
- Caps: \$15:00**
- Hats: \$15:00**
- Beanies: \$15:00**
- Name Badges: \$12.00**
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SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB Inc

GPO Box 2122, Canberra ACT 2601

MEMBERSHIP

Categories of Membership

Full details of the categories of Membership of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. (ST4WDC) can be found in the Constitution of the club. The following is a summary of the key differences:

'Owner Member'

Owner membership of the Club may be open to any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club, who is an owner or part owner (at least 10%) of a four wheel drive vehicle registered in Australia. The partner of an owner-member has all the privileges of an owner-member.

'Associate Member'

Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club may be eligible for associate membership and entitled to vote at any general meeting but shall not be entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting. An associate member is not able to be a committee member of the club.

'Competition Member'

Any person interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Club but wishing to join the club for the principal purpose of participating in 4WD competition events may join as a 'Competition Member'. A competition member is not entitled to a vote at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting, and is not able to be a committee member.

'Family Member'

Family membership is extended free of charge to those persons who are the immediate family of an Owner Member or an Associate Member provided that they are under the age of 21 and are domiciled under the same roof. Family Members who have already completed the Basic Driver Training course are entitled to a 50% reduction in the Owner Member Joining Fee provided they become Owner Members before their 22nd birthday.

'Life Member'

Life membership of the Club may be extended to any owner member who has been a member of the Club continuously for at least 10 years and has in the opinion of the Club Committee, contributed significantly to the endeavours of the club. Life members pay no annual membership fee.

Approval of Membership

Applications for membership of the ST4WDC are subject to approval by the club committee. The Club reserves the right to refuse a person membership. Reasons may be given at a meeting of the committee and the applicant.

Membership Entitlements

Membership of the ST4WDC entitles Owner Members (including Partners), and licensed Registered Family of Owner Members to attend the Club's training courses and to make use of the Clubs 700ha property Talooge Park. Participation as a driver on other than Grade 1 trips requires successful completion of the Basic Driver Training course, or recognised equivalent prior learning / qualification approved by the Club's Education Coordinator. Grades 4 and 5 trips also require advanced training. Details of Trip Grading can be found in **Southern Trails**, the Club magazine issued monthly (except January) to all Owner Members, Associate Members and Life Members.

Membership Fees

An initial joining fee and an annual membership fee are payable as follows:

Membership Category	Joining Fee	Annual Membership
Owner Member	\$230 (Note 1)	\$100 (Note 2)
Associate Member	Nil	\$50
Competition Member	Nil	\$50

1. Plus Annual Membership. A re-joining Member may be entitled to a reduced Joining Fee.
2. The Annual Membership Fee for new applications received after the July General Meeting is reduced to \$50.

The Club membership year extends from 1 January to 31 December.

To Join the ST4WDC

Please complete the New Member Application form on the reverse and forward together with your payment to:

**Membership Secretary, ST4WDC,
GPO Box 2122,
Canberra ACT 2601**

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer to: **Account Name:** 'Southern Tablelands 4WD Club Inc'; **BSB:** 112-908; **Account No:** 040 037 027 (please include your name as a reference to identify the payment), or by Cheque or Money Order payable to the Account Name above.

You may also attend a monthly meeting (held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St. Deakin at 7:30PM) and hand the form with payment (cash acceptable) to the Membership Secretary. For additional information, contact the Membership Secretary by Email at Membership@ST4WDC.Org.



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB Inc

GPO Box 2122, Canberra ACT 2601

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership requested (Tick): - Owner Member - Associate Member - Competition Member

Please complete the following. Completion of shaded boxes is essential, others are optional.

<i>Essential entries</i>	Member 1	Member 2 (Partner)		
Preferred first name, last name:				
Address:				
City/Suburb:		State:		Postcode:
Home Phone:				
Mobile Phones:				
Home Email:				
Work Phones:				
Work Email:				
<i>As a means of rapidly disseminating priority information, the Club occasionally makes use of Email to all members who have provided an Email address (which is hidden from other recipients), or SMS to all those who have provided a Mobile Phone number. You will receive these automatically unless you indicate otherwise. Default is shown in Bold Print.</i>				
Accept Club SMS:	Yes / No		Yes / No	
Send Club Email to:	Both / Home / Work / Neither		Both / Home / Work / Neither	
of the Email Addresses provided above.				
Employer:				
Occupation:				
Vehicle (Make & Model):				
Reg'n State Colour:				
Camper Trailer (If applicable)				
Registration No State:				
Please register these 'Family' Members? Must be under 21 years, reside with Principal Member or Partner, and be Licensed or Learning to Drive. Please provide both Names and Dates of Birth .	Name(s):		Dates of Birth:	
Are you a returning Member? Yes / No	If 'Yes' , what was your last Membership Year?			
How did you find out about the ST4WDC?				
Payment of fees (\$) made by (Please indicate): Bank Transfer / Cheque (enclosed) / Money Order (enclosed) / Cash				
Signature(s): Upon acceptance of this application, then for the duration of my Membership, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Southern Tablelands Four Wheel Drive Club Inc, as they apply from time to time.				
Signed:			Date:	

Completed Form and payment should be submitted to the Membership Secretary at a monthly meeting, mailed to the above address, or scanned and Emailed to Membership@ST4WDC.Org.

Membership Secretary use only.		
Form & fees received:	Fees banked:	Application Accepted:
Joining Fee paid: \$.....	Total received: \$.....	Receipt Number:
Database updated:	Membership Card Issued:	Membership package despatched:
Other comments:		WEB access arranged:.....

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