



Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs - Southern Africa

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- Fees 2008!

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Message from the Chairman: Fees 2008

We are slowly but surely creeping to end of 2007! Yip, time to plan for 2008, especially when it comes to AAWDC membership fees. I have covered the reasoning behind the re-introduction of membership fees in a previous newsletter. I hope that the following information will assist in answering questions that we received since breaking the news.

The AAWDC membership fees for 2008 will be based on a club's membership for 2007. A club can work on an average membership for 2007, on members at your AGM or any other method that a club feels comfortable with.

The AAWDC will contact the club representatives during the first week of December 2007 to get the number of members within your club. We will then invoice the clubs individually at a rate of R5 per member, early in January 2008, based on the membership number that we received. We will allow clubs until the end of March 2008 to pay the AAWDC membership fees. Clubs that haven't paid by end March will unfortunately be taken off the AAWDC membership

database, but we sincerely hope that it would not be necessary. Clubs that have less than 30 members will be billed a minimum fee of R150.00, based on membership criteria as is set out in the AAWDC constitution.

Associate members will be billed R1000.00 at the beginning of 2008 and will be given the opportunity to pay before end March as well.

Any clubs that have queries regarding membership for 2008 are welcome to contact me directly.

NOW

I am glad to report that the NOW has appointed Grant Thornton as the Service Provider to develop the Strategy for Self Regulation as requested by the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). A detailed project plan has been agreed and the final strategy will be delivered to NOW at the end of January 2008. We are working towards an official hand-over to the Minister by mid February 2008. You are welcome to follow progress on the NOW website www.now.org.za

AAWDC - WESTERN CAPE REGION

The AAWDC has received a request from member clubs in the Western Cape to open an AAWDC branch in that region. We are very excited about the opportunity and an inaugural meeting has been scheduled for 5 September 19h00 in Parow. We hope to see many member clubs represented at this meeting as we need everybody's input to organize this first branch in the best possible way to benefit AAWDC members in the region. For more info on the meeting/venue contact the organiser Peet Hendriks at Tel: 021 -913 9596 or 072 353 2495.

ORRA

The position of Chairman for the Off Road Radio Association has become vacant recently and we have advertised it amongst AAWDC member clubs. The ORRA is a very important service that the AAWDC offers its members in term of radio licenses and having a relationship with ICASA. Let's hope that we find the right candidate for this important position!

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Happy off-roading!!
Jakob Jordaan
Chairman

OFF ROAD RADIO ASSOCIATION



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URGENT NOTICE:

This is a request to all clubs to include this notice in their next newsletter.

As we still have 57 outstanding licenses, it is necessary to issue this notice.

Regretfully, as ORRA licenses are issued by ICASA, we are obliged to take a firm stand where the required formalities are not met.

For a list of unpaid members from your club, please apply to the administration via email at fwdcsa@icon.co.za.

Renewal notices went out in October 2006 for renewal of your ORRA license for the year 2007 and to date some members have not paid.

In the case of 29mHz licenses, the license fee is R35.00 each plus the R20.00 subscription fee. If you possess more than one radio, it is necessary to pay the subscription fee

only once.

If you are NOT renewing your license, please supply us with proof of your privately obtained license or proof of sale of the radio(s) in order that our records can be updated. Failing this, you will still be obligated to the license registered in your name.

Regretfully, should you fail to renew a license, ORRA is obligated to advise the Independent Communications Authority (ICASA).

If you have paid and the payment has not been traced, please would you contact ORRA at 0861 393 272 so that it can be sorted out.

Kind Regards,

OFF ROAD RADIO ASSOCIATION

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
EDENVALE
CODE 25 13 42
ACCOUNT: 5527 448
1908
STATEMENT
REFERENCE: **SURNAME**
AND CALL SIGN

Create a logo competition

Although we have a name for our Newsletter "4-Words" it was felt at the last AAWDC meeting that we should have a logo containing the newsletter name.
Judging from the inventiveness of our

members when we had to name this newsletter we are eagerly awaiting entries for this competition from our members.

Alan Goodway of the 4x4 Off-road Adventure Club of Gauteng will be

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[For those members who has VHF-radios please check your statements and pay for the licenses accordingly -Ed]



sponsoring the prize which will consist of a photographic windbag and Garmap Update DVD.

The closing date for entries is 9th November 2007 and the winner will be announced in our December 2007 Newsletter.

Fokus op ons Klubs: Toyota 4x4 Eienaars Klub

Die Toyota 4x4 Eienaars klub het pas sy tiende verjaarsdag gevier. Die relatief jong klub van Pretoria en omgewing is baie trots op sy prestasies van die afgelope tien jaar asook op die waardes waarop die klub gebaseer is. Respek vir die gesin, die natuur en hul voertuie is duidelik sigbaar in die doen en late van al die ongeveer honderd lede en hul families.

Alle aktiwiteite van die klub word binne die raamwerk van hierdie waardesisteem beplan. Die een aspek wat hierdie klub dan laat uitstaan bo die ander klubs in Suid-Afrika is die fokus op die gesin. So word alle uitstappies om die gesin beplan en word moeite gedoen om die hele gesin te akkommodeer. Die gewilde maandelikse kommunikasiedag word elke eerste Sondag van die maand by De Wildt 4x4 Natuurreservaat gehou. Met genoeg speelplek vir die kinders, 'n rustige atmosfeer waar die vrouens in die natuur kan ontspan en 'n vierwielroete byderhand vir die manne (en vroue) wat jeuk om 'n bietjie stof op die voertuie te kry, is dit die ideale geleentheid om 'n vlesie te braai en sosiaal te verkeer met ander wat dieselfde passie deel. Die komitee, bestaande uit tien verkose lede, besef die waarde van goeie kommunikasie maar te goed en daarom word daar nie net gereeld sosiaal

verkeer nie, maar word die maandelikse tydskrif ook intensief gebruik om die aktiwiteite van die klub aan sy lede te bemark.

Die Visie (4x4 Familiebetrokkenheid) en Mision van die klub (Om families in staat te stel om 4x4 voertuie verantwoordelik in die natuur te gebruik) word deur elke lid op die hart gedra. Met die tweemaandelikse daguitstappies val die klem naas die sosiale samesyn op die hantering en die vermoëns van die voertuig (en natuurlik die Bestuurder!). Elke gesoute 4x4 entoesias is maar te bewus van hoe belangrik dit is vir beide man en vrou om hul voertuig te leer ken. Met die naweek uitstappies skuif die klem dan na die toepassing van bogenoemde deur die korrekte gebruik van voertuie en die geniet van 4x4 en die natuur op 'n verantwoordelike manier. Ten minste een keer per jaar word daar 'n lang toer van twee tot drie weke gedoen, meestal na die buurlande.

Ten einde in voorge-noemde suksesvol te wees word daar baie klem gelê op opleiding. Daarom dat daar van nuwe lede vereis word om binne drie maande na aansluiting die interne opleidingskursus van die klub te deurloop. Die koste van die opleiding en die materiaal is in die aansluitingsfooi van R350 ingesluit.

Met 'n jaarlikse lidmaatskapfooi van slegs R350 is

dit duidelik dat een van die kenmerke van die Toyota 4x4 Eienaarsklub hul strewe na bekostigbaarheid is. Inkomste vir die klub geskied slegs deur borgskappe en fondsinsamelingsaksies. Winstneming geskied nie deur die aktiwiteite wat die klub aanbied nie.

Die Klub is nie-partydig en nie-polities in karakter en alhoewel die oorgrootte meerderheid van die lede Toyota eienaars is, is dit nie 'n geslote klub nie. Een van die hoofdoelstellings en oogmerke van die klub is om die eienaars van vierwielangedrewe voertuie aan te moedig en te koördineer in 'n vereniging van vierwiel entoesiaste.

Aangesien dit vir die lede belangrik is om met ander klubs met soortgelyke oogmerke te assosieer neem die klub elke jaar moet groot entoesiasme deel aan die Interclub Challenge. So word daar ook moeite gedoen om hul sosiale verantwoordelike na te kom deur by spesiale geleentede soos Kinderdag en Vrouedag betrokke te wees. Die vloede in Thuyando in 2000 het weereens bewys wat in die lede steek met 18 voertuie wat deelgeneem het aan die ramp operasie.

Enige vierwiel entoesias is welkom om by die Toyota 4x4 Eienaarsklub aan te sluit. Die voorsitter, Pierre Dellamijn, kan geskakel word by 082 446 3605.



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AAWDC Interclub Fund Day.

Story & Photographs by Alan Goodway – 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club (Gauteng)

The Annual AAWDC Interclub Challenge was once again held on 18 August 2007 at the Leeuwkop Prison with great success!! This success was thanks primarily to 2 factors. The great enthusiasm and effort from the Isuzu Offroad Club – a new, young and dynamic up and coming club in South Africa, and the enthusiastic entries from 9 Gauteng based clubs, with a total of 11 teams.

The day started off with a brisk cold breeze sweeping the field of entrants while driver briefing took place. The first vehicles arrived at first light and lined up in the paddocks provided. The central arena area in the meantime was being populated by food and drinks vendors, exhibitors and service providers to the 4x4 industry. This day was heading for a festive atmosphere from the word go, and the Isuzu club's members started raising hints of smiles on their faces. Their moment had arrived.

The track consisted of 7 obstacles, ranging from serious rock crawls, to fun elements, combining driver and navigator skills as well as a laugh-a-minute factor. Ever seen somebody trying to do their thing from a 1 window vehicle when driver and navigator have to perform at optimum through it!

Throughout the day, spectators mulled between obstacles, enjoying seeing the varying range of vehicles (from standard to enhanced) plying their skills and efforts to ultimately make their team a winner. Francois Rossouw, a well known personality entertained the crowd (and the competitors) with his on the spot interviews, chirps and comments and general commentary during the day. A festival atmosphere kept the pace brisk all day.

The teams sweated the pace, and finally, after a long day, and a lot of fun, the time came to tally the score. While the judges tallied the scores, the Isuzu club distributed freebies from the hilltop where the control centre was stationed. Kids got free sweet packs while moms and dads enjoyed cold beers from the beer tent. Braai packs were purchased and fires lit.

Then came the final announcements and prize giving got underway under the darkened skies. First the individual recognition, with great prizes on hand. These went to:

- 1 Mark Kretchner / Pieter Harmse Gelandewagen
- 2 Jan-Louise Fisher / Narina Fischer Gelandewagen
- 3 Johan van Rensburg / Lucas van der Walt Toyota

Owners

- 4 Andre Oberholster / Ruan Oberholster Land Rover Owners
- 5 Willi Schneider / Attie Smit Land Rover Owner

Building on this, with a serious turn out for the books, the team scores finally looked like this:

- 1 Land Rover Owners
- 2 4x4 ATV
- 3 Toyota Owners
- 4 Gelandewagen 1
- 5 4WDCSA
- 6 McCarthy 2
- 7 McCarthy 1
- 8 Jeep
- 9 Gelandewagen 2
- 10 4WDCSA 2
- 11 Off Road Adventure Club

The TEAM SPIRIT TROPHY went to the Toyota Owners Club and the MOST FUN OBSTACLE OF THE DAY went to the 4X4 ATV Club

Congratulations to all the winners!! Thanks to all the sponsors of the day. Best of luck to McCarthy 4x4 Club, who will be organising the AAWDC Interclub Fun Day 2008!!

Without doubt of fear of offending anybody. The Isuzu Club put up the best Inter Club Fun Day in the last 5 years and have set a standard which will be difficult to follow. Well done guys, you did the AAWDC proud.



Upcoming Events

Worcester Wheels Festival

6 October @ Pioneer School for The Blind



- Stalletjies/Crafts
- All kinds of foods
- Water Slide
- Beer Garden
- Wine Tasting
- Tea Garden
- Jumping Castle
- Bands
- Fun Run
- Old Cars
- Modified Cars
- New Cars
- Toy & Remote Cars
- Bikes
- Tractors
- Most Things on Wheels
- A Fun Family Day

Contact Naomi on cell 0824289216 for more info or www.beachbuggyclub.co.za

"The view was expressed that we should have an interactive type of website."

Contributions for forthcoming editions



Your attention is drawn to the Committee's decision that all contributions for the newsletter must reach us not later than the 25th of a month and that the publication of the newsletter shall not be later than the 5th of the next month.

For October 2007 the focus will be on the

following clubs: McCarthy 4x4 Club and Nissan Club [GP] and the focus on the Associate Member will be on Nissan SA. Your contributions not later than 25th September 2007 please.

For November 2007 we will focus on the Isuzu and SAWA clubs.

The fonts we use is Arial 10 pts and single spacing – so please your contributions to fit a page.

NB: If you are late with your scheduled contributions you will simply fall in after other member clubs had their contributions published.

News about AAWDC Website

Our newly designed and approved website will have the following features:

- 1 "Home" page
2. "The AAWDC" section
3. "Members" section
4. "Focus Groups" section
5. "Newsletters" page
6. "Links" page
7. "Contact Us" page
8. "Disclaimer" or "Terms & Conditions" page

The maintenance module will be used to maintain the database-based sections of the web site which are to be kept up to date by the web site's administrator/s. These

consist of:

- Maintain Administrators - administrators can be added (or removed)
- Maintain Homepage Introduction – to maintain the introduction text on the homepage
- Maintain Adverts – to maintain the advert images displayed on the homepage
- Maintain News – to maintain news items displayed on the homepage
- Maintain Member Clubs - to maintain details of the member clubs
- Maintain Business

Associates - to maintain details of the business associates

- Maintain Focus Groups – there will be a maintenance page to update the text for each of the focus groups
- Maintain Newsletters – to add the latest newsletter each month
- Maintain Links – to maintain useful links

The maintenance module will have restricted access via a logon page and only users that have been registered as administrators on the database will be able to access the maintenance module

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AAWDC BENEFIT STATEMENT

ONE VOICE ON ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST
AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.

HISTORY OF THE

AAWDC

The Association of All Wheel Drive Clubs of Southern Africa (AAWDC) had its inaugural meeting in 1993.

It was formed under the guidance and efforts of the three major Four Wheel Drive Clubs in South Africa, namely the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa, the S.A. Jeep Club and the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. Today the Member Clubs and Associates are spread over all the provinces of South Africa, Swaziland and Botswana.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AAWDC

The main objective of the Association is to promote and support the activities and interests of 'all wheel drive clubs', hereinafter referred to as 'Clubs', in Southern Africa who are members of the Association, relating to the protection, preservation and conservation of our fauna & flora, natural resources and places of off-road recreation in Southern Africa.

The ancillary objectives of the Association are:

1.1. To have a voice and to liaise with any

person, body, authority or Government structure for the purpose of achieving the main objective of the Association, including but not limited to:

- 1.1.1. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism.
- 1.1.2. Road Traffic authorities.
- 1.1.3. Civil Defense authorities.
- 1.1.4. Nature Conservation authorities and bodies.

1.2. To institute a code of conduct for the members of the member Clubs.

1.3. To promote safe practices and procedures with member Clubs.

1.4. To gather and supply information to members of the Association.

1.5. To establish or to assist in establishing new Clubs.

1.6. To co-ordinate and encourage Clubs to get involved in Civil Defense/Search and Rescue.

1.7. To communicate and benchmark on a global & local level with associations, member clubs, associate members and other decision

makers on matters relating to the all wheel drive vehicles and outdoor lifestyles.

1.8. To professionally develop a Driver Competency program, Driver Training program and Instruction manual.

1.9. To develop, maintain and promote an Associate program where related businesses can join the AAWDC as Associated members to the benefit of those Associates and the AAWDC member clubs.

We urge all four-wheel drive owners to join a club affiliated to the AAWDC, and we request that all clubs join the AAWDC for the benefits listed above. Clubs or individuals that are interested to join or want more information on the AAWDC can forward their requests to Isla Blasa at 08611 AAWDC or members@aawdc.org.za

About Our Organization...